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STING FEBRUARY 8
resident Ban Johnson of the

The 1922 schedule of the club owners for adoption

THE PARKS ASKED
The Department of Interior

The Department of Interior has an appropriation of \$96,000 for roads and sanitation in the Sequoia parks, California.

LD ON DRY CHARGE
—Subject: J. Shannon; deputy

... was bound over to the
... on a charge of violation of
... hearing here today before U-

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as the arrest of Charles W.
nice, Cal., following a raid of

case is set for Marth.



\$300,000,000 YANK AID REVENUE MAPPED

SLAY FILM MAGNATE

Conclave on Pope Election Opens

JURY CALLS FOR RAPPE TESTIMONY RECORD

After being out twenty hours, during which they had actually deliberated five hours and thirty-five minutes, the jury in the case of Roscoe ("Fatty") Arbuckle at noon today sent a request to Judge Harold Louderback that the entire transcript of the testimony be sent in to them.

Attorneys for both sides expressed themselves as agreeable. It was stipulated, at the request of Gavin McNab, chief counsel for the defense, that the transcript include the testimony of Arbuckle as given at the first trial and which was read into the present trial by the state. Court Reporter W. A. Foster was put to work getting the transcript in shape and it was furnished the jury at 2 o'clock.

ASK WHOLE TRANSCRIPT

The jury continued its deliberations during the noon hour. It was reported from authentic sources that the jury, after taking fifteen ballots, was swinging eight to four for acquittal, and that Matthew B. McIlroy was leading the fight for conviction. It was rumored also that Mrs. Mary Somers, the sole woman juror, John H. King and Nat W. Erdmann, were standing with him.

The note requesting the 2000 pages of transcript follows:

"Would it be permissible for the jury to have sent in to them the entire transcript of the record, as we find that in arguing the evidence there are various phases in the testimony that we wish to refresh our memory on?"

DEFENSE HOPEFUL

The defense professed to see a hopeful sign in this, pointing out that the case had been submitted without argument from the defense, relying entirely on the evidence.

The bitterness of feeling which existed among the jurors in the first trial was noticeably absent as the jurors filed into the courtroom shortly after 10 o'clock this morning.

When they were sent to their quarters at the Washington Hotel last night they had spent three hours and thirty-five minutes in actual deliberation.

ASK INSTRUCTIONS

Twice after retiring at 3:45 yesterday afternoon the jury asked for information. After being out for forty-five minutes the jury filed into court to have read the testimony given by Josephine Keza, the "intoxicated chambermaid." When asked if the jury wanted this testimony read, John J. McIlroy, who had been elected foreman, replied: "One of the jurors wants it read."

At 10:15 the jury came into the courtroom again to listen for a second time to the instructions of Judge Louderback. The jurors had asked that the instructions be read again in full.

A speedy verdict had been expected. No hope for a conviction had been expressed at any time by District Attorney Matthew Brady or his assistants.

"No matter what the outcome may be," said Brady, "it's all over so far as I am concerned."

TOBACCO TAX, AUTO TAX, PLAN FOR VETERANS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—With the present "high tension on the prohibition question" it would not be practicable to undertake the bonus payment with a tax on light wines and beer, Secretary Mellon declared today before the House ways and means committee.

The bonus could be paid out of special taxes, such as increased first and second class postage and tobacco levies, Mellon declared.

Secretary Mellon reiterated his belief that it would be impracticable to depend upon the foreign debt for financing the proposed "five way" adjusted compensation plan because the revenue from that source is prohibitional.

These estimates of revenue from special sources were made by the secretary:

One cent increase in first class postage, \$10,000,000.

Increased second class postage is wipe out deficit in that branch of the postoffice department, \$30,000,000.

Increased cigarette tax, the increase amounting to 50 cents on 1000, \$25,000,000.

Increased tobacco tax, 5 cents a pound, \$2,000,000.

Increased documentary stamp taxes, \$10,000,000.

A tax of 5 cents on each bank check, \$50,000,000.

A license tax of 50 cents a horsepower on automobiles, \$100,000,000.

TOTAL, \$300 MILLIONS

The total estimated return from these taxes was \$300,000,000. Mellon said the bonus would cost \$425,000,000 a year for the first two years and told the committee that it could extend the list of taxable sources to make up the deficiency. He made it clear that he was not "recommending" any of the taxes suggested.

The treasury secretary opposed a general sales tax on the ground of the cost and difficulty of administration. "I should say that we cannot increase the taxes already in existence," said Mellon, "as they already are an unbearable burden on the people."

He said he would go further and find some broad based of a commodity on which reasonable taxes would not be too great a burden.

WAYS DEBT REFUNDING

"I think that the use of the foreign debt for this purpose would be impracticable. The foreign debt is a very uncertain proposition and to undertake to use it for this purpose would lead to a great many difficulties. It is impractical whether funds can be obtained within the time to meet the bonus."

"It would be much better for us to provide the funds already in existence," said Mellon, "as they already are an unbearable burden on the people."

"Anyhow this would be a cumbersome way of raising money for the bonus and in some respects would cost us more than the other way for it we

FREE Bicycles FOR Boys AND Girls

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25 Miners Lose Lives as Blast Wrecks Colliery

GATES, Pa., Feb. 2.—Twenty-five men are believed to have lost their lives in an explosion early today in the Gates mine of the H. C. Frick Coke Company here.

Sixteen bodies had been recovered from the workings at 2 o'clock this afternoon, and experienced miners in the rescue crews trying to penetrate the choked entry leading to the affected workings gave it as their opinion that the nine men still unaccounted for had also been asphyxiated.

ULSTER PREMIER, COLLINS IN CLASH

DUBLIN, Feb. 2. (By the Associated Press).—A serious situation has arisen over the boundary question between Ulster and South Ireland. It was officially stated, as a result of a conference here today between Sir James Craig, premier of Ulster, and Michael Collins, head of the new Irish provisional government.

Deputy Uses Airship To Arrest Speeder

EL CENTRO, Feb. 2.—L. W. Dearling, deputy sheriff of Imperial County, used an airplane in serving a warrant on an alleged violator of the county speed laws.

2 CARDINAL FACTIONS TO CLASH OVER SELECTION

ROME, Feb. 2. (By the Associated Press).—The conclave of the Sacred College, which is to choose a successor to Pope Benedict XV, began its sittings today. The fifty-two cardinals who are in Rome went into seclusion last night, and when the great oak barrier at the entrance of the courtyard of St. Damaso was closed they were cut off from communication with the outside world until their sacred task was done. The first ballot will probably not be taken until Friday morning.

The balloting is not expected to consume more than two days, and the next Pope, in the consensus of opinion in Vatican circles, will come from among the moderate section of the Sacred College. Neither the "irreconcilables" nor the "peace party," which favors closer relations with the Italian government, is understood to have a chance to elect its candidate, the moderates holding the balance of power.

TO MEET O'CONNELL

Monsignor Mahoney, spiritual director of the American College, has gone to Naples to meet Cardinal O'Connell, archbishop of Boston, who is a passenger on the steamship President Wilson, which is due on Saturday.

The confidence that the conclave would be of short duration is shared by Cardinal Gasparri, who in making provisions yesterday for the sustenance of the cardinals, only provided menus for today, tomorrow and Saturday.

As the conclave convened it appeared that the "irreconcilables," headed by Merry Del Val, and the "peace party," under Gasparri, could each count on about twenty votes, the remaining twelve constituting the moderate faction. The candidate of Merry Del Val's group was said to be Cardinal La Fontaine, while either Cardinal Gasparri, Maffi or Ratti was said to be acceptable to those favoring a rapprochement with the Quirinal. Cardinal Laurenti was mentioned as a candidate who might be put forward by the moderates and fully satisfy both factions.

Cardinal Marini has influenza and will be unable to attend the conclave.

MASS IS HELD

The celebration of mass in the Sixtine chapel, with prayers for the enlightenment of the cardinal in their choice of a new Pope, was the last public ceremony attended by the cardinals before entering the conclave. Cardinal Vannutelli, dean of the sacred college, officiated.

The attendance was restricted to the cardinals, the officers of the Swiss guards and the members of the Vatican household.

A photographer who contrived to gain entrance to the chapel was ejected, taken to the commissariate of the Vatican and later expelled from the premises.

Peace was the keynote of the ad-

William Desmond Taylor, film producer and director, who was slain under mysterious circumstances today in Los Angeles.



Politics Shunned By Ladies, Says Margot Asquith

NEW YORK, Feb. 2. (By International News Service).—Mrs. Margot Asquith, wife of the former premier of England, whose recently published diary caused all kinds of stir and gave America an eyeful of spicy gossip about the British upper classes, lighted a fresh cigarette today and then expressed her opinion on women in politics.

"Ladies do not go into politics," Mrs. Asquith, who is here on a lecture tour, announced between puffs. Previously she had parried questions seeking her opinion of Lady Astor.

A reporter, after watching Margot light another, advised her to cut out tobacco if she should go to Kansas, explaining that it might land her in jail.

"Kansas," said Margot raising her left eyebrow, "what is that?"

After delivering the opinion that New York was the "peer of cities," someone asked:

"And have you seen Brooklyn?"

"Brooklyn—who is he?" asked Margot, mildly.

Did she think Americans crude after her experiences with her first American audience the other afternoon? Oh, no, indeed said Mrs. Asquith. She thought Americans "tremendously interesting."

Women in the audience frequently interrupted Mrs. Asquith with rude remarks during her lecture.

"It is my opinion," she said, "that the discourtesy which marked my first appearance before an American audience came from the fashionable ladies in the orchestra seats. They were bored. That is all."

An also in her hotel suite, surrounded by interviewers, Margot looked as if reporters and things bored her beyond words.

"What did she think of American reporters?"

"They are quite extraordinary," said Margot after a bored puff at her cigarette.

L. A. MOVIE DIRECTOR IS KILLED IN MYSTERY

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 2.—Shot down while writing at a desk by a mysterious assassin, William Desmond Taylor, well known motion picture producer and director, was found dead today in his bungalow in the Westlake district. Death was caused by a bullet wound in the back, just below the left shoulder, according to the police.

Taylor, who was 50 years old and wealthy, apparently was killed between 9 and 10 o'clock last night. The body was found today by a colored servant when he reported for duty at the house. Police detectives, who first reached the scene, reported that death was from natural causes and it was not until nearly an hour later when an undertaker was removing the body that the bullet wound was found.

CAUSED HEMORRHAGE

Additional officers immediately were dispatched to the house and a comprehensive investigation was begun. The bullet wound caused an internal hemorrhage and Taylor evidently died a few minutes after being attacked.

Detectives questioned neighbors, who stated they heard what apparently was the report of the revolver shortly after 9 p. m., but at that time believed it was caused by an automobile.

The police immediately began search for Edward F. Sands, former secretary of Taylor. Robbery was not the motive for the murder, it was announced as officers found \$15 in the pockets of the slain man, as well as a large amount of jewelry in the house.

Taylor's revolver was found in a drawer of the dresser in his bedroom on the second floor of the pretentious house. It had not been discharged and none of his personal effects had been disturbed.

REYNESE NOTICE PROBED

The officers reported they are confident that recovery was the motive of the mysterious slaying.

The police records state that when Taylor went to England a year ago on a business and pleasure trip he left Sands, then his secretary, in charge of his personal affairs, and when he returned he reported to Detective Sergeant Herman Cline and E. R. Cato that Sands had robbed him of money, jewelry, clothing and a valuable automobile.

A felony warrant was issued for Sands and the police say he never was found.

A second robbery at the Taylor residence was attributed to Sands by the police.

STARS UNDER QUIZ

Among the witnesses questioned by the police during the morning were Mabel Normand, Edna Purviance and Douglas MacLean, prominent film stars.

Mabel Normand admitted having visited Taylor's bungalow in the early evening yesterday to discuss a new production and that he had escorted her to her automobile at the curb shortly before 5 p. m. Taylor was on telephone to her later in the evening, Miss Normand said he did not do so.

Miss Purviance, who lives in a house adjoining Taylor's bungalow, returned home about midnight and saw a light burning in Taylor's study.

MacLean and his wife, who live in the same district, stated they heard the shot fired shortly after 9 o'clock. They

NEWS DOWN TO THE LAST MINUTE

WARRANTS FOR L. A. DRY AGENTS

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 2.—Charges of brutality made to the Los Angeles County district attorney resulted today in the issuance of complaints against four federal prohibition enforcement agents charging them with assault with intent to kill, in the course of a dry raid. The officers named were C. H. Wheeler, James Pierce, J. A. Boyle and Joe Krumhance.

BLUEBEARD LOSES APPEAL

PARIS, Feb. 2.—The appeal of Henri Landru, so-called "French Bluebeard," who was found guilty of murdering ten women and a boy, was rejected by the court today. Landru will be executed.

GOODCELL NOMINATION TO SENATE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—Nominations of postmasters sent to the Senate today included Arthur M. Becker, at Visalia, Cal. Nominations sent to the Senate by the President included: Rev B. Goodcell of San Bernardino, Cal., to be internal revenue collector for the sixth district of California.

FORMER ODD FELLOWS' HEAD DIES

LONDON, Ont., Feb. 2.—Former Mayor C. T. Campbell, 80, past grand sire of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, died today.

PREMIER BONOMI, ITALIAN CABINET QUIT UNDER FIRE

ROME, Feb. 2.—Premier Bonomi and the entire Italian cabinet resigned today.

The resignation of the cabinet was expected, due to the growing hostility in parliamentary circles during the last week.

The resignation of the cabinet may have some effect upon the forthcoming international economic conference at Genoa as Premier-Bonomi was in charge of the preparations.

The resignations were tendered to King Victor Emmanuel by Bonomi.

WOMAN DRUGGED, BLIZZARD RAGES ROBBED OF GEMS IN MIDDLE WEST

MINNEAPOLIS, Feb. 2.—Four middle western states today are in the grip of a severe snowstorm which is crippling telegraph and telephone wires and causing delay to railroad transportation. Between Minneapolis and Duluth all telephone and telegraph wires are reported down and in Duluth a snowfall of twenty-four inches was reported as having fallen within twenty-four hours.

At Mitchell, S. D., one of the worst storms since 1881 held that city in its grip and loss of livestock on ranches in that vicinity was said to be heavy.

On a branch of the 800 line railroad in North Dakota, a passenger train with seventy-five passengers aboard is stuck in a snowbank and rescue crews are at work today digging them out.

High winds and heavy snows in northern Wisconsin have delayed trains and reports from all sections of that territory indicated decidedly cold weather.

Orders were issued today to owners of all downtown buildings in Minneapolis by the city building inspector to clear roofs of snow.

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ARBUCKLE JURORS 10-2 FOR CONVICTION

Four Ballots Fail to Elect New Pope

FILM STARS QUIZZED IN L. A. FILM MURDER

These girls have been subpoenaed to the inquest into the mysterious killing of William Desmond Taylor, director; left to right they are Mabel Normand, Mary Miles Minter and Edna Purviance. They had previously told detectives the circumstances of their last seeing the victim of the Hollywood tragedy.



Police Seek Trail Of Mystery Man In Film Murder

By Associated Press.
LOS ANGELES, Feb. 3.—The coroner of Los Angeles County today announced that an inquest would be held tomorrow at 1:30 over the body of William D. Taylor, motion picture director, shot down in his home here Wednesday night.

Subpoenas were issued today and sent out for service, directed to Mabel Normand, motion picture actress, who has told the police that Taylor escorted her from his home to her automobile at an hour believed to have been the time of the murder.

It was stated that a complete probe will be made of Taylor's past life in an effort to get behind the veil of mystery surrounding the case and bringing the slayer to justice.

"Wherever the trail leads there will be detectives to follow," said one police official. "There will be no whitewashing of any person or any group of persons."

One of the foremost moving picture actresses was scheduled to be questioned late today regarding her asserted love for Taylor. While no suspicion rests on the woman, the police say, she may be able to throw a direct ray of light on some asserted love tangle in which Taylor may have been a principal.

SNOW PARTIES FIGURE

Among the various phases of the investigation was a report that Taylor had attended several so-called "snow" parties at which narcotics were served from tea wagons, for the purpose of making the guests feel comfortable.

Film Stars Tell Of Last Seeing Murder Victim

By WALLACE SMITH
Special Correspondent of International News.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 3.—Through the silvered screen on which the moving picture idols troop in silent drama for their millions of admirers, detectives plunged today in a desperate effort to solve the mystery in the slaying of William Desmond Taylor, one of the best known directors in Filmland.

Behind the screen they ripped straight into the private lives of these public idols. They were ordered to spare no person, however mighty, if their investigation promised to clear the tragedy that stunned the world of movies when Taylor was found shot to death in his South Alvarado street home.

He was slain, detectives believe, less than half an hour after a visit by Mabel Normand, screen favorite, to whom Taylor was once reported engaged. Three moving picture actresses, whose names are household words, were closely questioned by the detectives as they carried on their investigation of the moving picture set of Hollywood.

BEAUTIFUL PICTURES

The detectives pointed out that a score of smiling photographs of film stars were found in Taylor's home.

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ALLIED DEBT BILL GOES TO HARDING

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—Senate amendments to the allied debt refunding bill were accepted today by the House. The measure now goes to the President, who is expected to appoint soon the commission which is to open negotiations with the debtor nations.

Administration objections to the Senate requirements that the refunded obligations mature not later than June 15, 1947, and that the minimum interest rate be 4 1/2 per cent, were withdrawn after White House conferences between the President and Chairman Fordney of the House Ways and Means committee and Secretary Mellon of the Treasury Department.

Neither the administration nor Republican leaders of the House favored the Senate changes, but it was explained that they had decided to accept them because there would be further delay in final enactment of the legislation if the bill were sent to conference.

On a separate record vote the amendment as to the date of maturity, and the minimum interest rate was accepted, 232 to 23, with both Republicans and Democrats supporting it and opposing it. The other amendments were agreed to en bloc without a roll call.

ART HICKMAN SPRECKELS' WIDOW TO WED, RUMOR

Is life about to call another tune for Mrs. Jack Spreckels?

That is the question which the gossip-mongers in Los Angeles are asking—and most of them answer it in the affirmative.

Humor, attuned to the rhythmic beat of Art Hickman's band, insists that the beautiful young widow of Jack Spreckels will shortly announce her engagement to Hickman.

Mrs. Spreckels could not be reached today, but the musician-composer, who is now leader of the orchestra at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, is credited with the following statement: "Well, of course, we are great friends and have been for a long time. Many people have asked me about this rumored engagement. I cannot say a thing."

GOES ABOARD ON SEPARATION

Mrs. Sidi Wirt Spreckels' career has always deviated from the "commonplace" and her marriage to Hickman would be the culmination of a series of events that have kept her in the limelight. She came here from British Columbia.

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DARK SMOKE TELLS NEWS OF CARDINAL DEADLOCK

ROME, Feb. 3. (By the Associated Press).—Voting for the election of a Pope to succeed Benedict XV was begun by the conclave of the Sacred College today. Two ballots had been taken up to 1 o'clock this afternoon, on neither of which any cardinal received a sufficient number of votes to elect.

The third and fourth ballots were taken this evening. There was no choice, however, on either ballot.

The doors of the Vatican were closed yesterday with the centuries-old ceremony, to remain so until the new pontiff is chosen.

Cardinal Marini, who has influenza, was taken into the Vatican before the doors were closed. It had been thought he would be unable to attend.

Four ballots will be taken daily, instead of two as has been the rule. It is learned through the Irish College, and confirmed in other quarters. The number and issue of the successful ballots will be evident to the people congregated outside St. Peter's by the customary vote burning, a common iron stove having been installed just outside the limits of the long lines of cardinals' thrones in the Sixtine Chapel. Two sacks of straw lie nearby; this is used to color the smoke of the burning voting papers, dark smoke indicating to the crowds watching the chimney that there is still no election, and light vapor that a new Pope reigns.

There is much interest in Rome in the effort of Cardinal O'Connell, archbishop of Boston, to reach here in time to participate in the voting. The steamship President Wilson, on which he is a passenger, is not expected in Naples before Monday, and it is feared that he may be disappointed as he was in 1914 when Pope Benedict was elected while the cardinal was speeding toward Rome from the seaport in an automobile.

18 Student Huzers Expelled by School

By Associated Press.
STARKVILLE, Miss., Feb. 3.—Eighteen students of the sophomore class of the Mississippi A. and M. College have been expelled for the alleged violation of the rules forbidding hazing. It was announced today. The students will be allowed to return next year if they pledge themselves to strict observance of the college rules.

The students were charged with beating shaved the heads of members of

'I'm Ready for New Trial': Arbuckle

Roscoe Arbuckle took the outcome of the case stoically. He said: "In this life you've got to take a punch now and then. I am ready to go to trial again. I feel sure that I shall be able to prove my innocence of this charge at another trial. It's just fate," added his wife, Minta Durfee. "Since last Saturday I had a premonition that things were going against us."

Statements of Jurors, Lawyers In Rappe Case

Here are statements from attorneys and jurors who served in the Arbuckle case:

Matthew B. McGowan — Thus jury was the squardest body that ever deliberated in a case. I have no criticism, nor have those who agreed with me to make of the two who stood for acquittal. They extended to the defendant the element of possible doubt.

In the opinion of most of us it was suspicious that Arbuckle did not disclose for months the circumstances of the Rappe girl being found in his bathroom.

On the finger print testimony the balance was in favor of the prosecution. We did not consider the testimony of the hotel maid, Kexa, particularly; one juror went over her testimony and settled his doubts about the tenth or eleventh ballot.

The fact that the stage girl witnesses

DISMISSAL OF JURORS FOLLOWS DEADLOCK

Standing 10 to 2 for conviction and hopelessly deadlocked, the jury in the case of Roscoe ("Fatty") Arbuckle was discharged at 11:35 a. m. today by Judge Harold Louderback.

Assistant District Attorney Milton U'Ren announced that in view of the majority opinion of the jury in favor of finding the film comedian guilty, he would confer with District Attorney Matthew Brady relative to a new trial, which he said undoubtedly would be ordered.

Milton Cohen of Arbuckle's defense staff announced that the defense would combat any motion by the district attorney to dismiss the manslaughter charge.

CASE OVER UNTIL MONDAY

Judge Louderback, on motion of U'Ren, put over until Monday to be set for trial both the grand jury indictment

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BRADY TO RE-TRY ARBUCKLE

District Attorney Matthew Brady announced this afternoon that Roscoe Arbuckle would be tried for a third time. "The attitude of the district attorney," he said, "has been strictly that of an impartial prosecutor, in no sense that of a persecutor. If the majority of the jury had favored acquittal, I would have asked for a dismissal. It is now manifestly my duty to try the case again."

SUNDAY CHESS GAME BARRED

By Associated Press.
BOSTON, Feb. 3.—Checkers and chess may not be played in Massachusetts on Sunday without breaking the law. The house of representatives today accepted an adverse report on a bill to make those games legal.

FORMER PASTOR GETS PRISON TERM

SAN JOSE, Feb. 3.—Rex Hascall, former clergyman, today pleaded guilty to burglary and was sentenced to from two to ten years in San Quentin.

were reluctant to testify strongly and what they had to say.

There was no doubt that the facts presented placed on Arbuckle a

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POLICE HUNT GIRL IN FILM MURDER QUIZ

LOVE MOTIVE IN MYSTERY FURNISHES CLUES

By Associated Press.
LOS ANGELES, Feb. 4.—A mysterious tragedy, more luridly sensational than any that the genius of the most talented and highly imaginative screen thrill writers ever presented to him, continues developing here today around the death of William Desmond Taylor, one of the country's most successful motion picture directors, who was shot to death from behind in his residence here Wednesday night.

Baffling complexities, moral entanglements and all the elements of love, mystery and tragedy, with some famous stars of filmdom involved, pass in review before police and private investigators as they scrutinize the life of Taylor, they say, in search for the motive for the murder.

COLORFUL DRAMA
The imp of the perverse seems to have provided for the director who won fame for genius in producing movie thrillers, a more colorful drama around his death than the motion picture screen has ever provided the public. Mabel Normand, Mary Miles Minter and Neva Gerber are three of the motion picture actresses involved in the police investigation. Reports have come to the police, they say, that a love affair at one time or another existed between each of these and the slain director.

Police say, without mentioning the name, that a motion picture actress is the center of their investigation. A theory of a "revenge" motive, with jealousy as the probable direct cause, is being analyzed, they say.

INCIDENTAL WITNESSES
Edna Purviance and Mrs. Douglas Maclean, the former an actress and the latter the wife of an actor, are incidental witnesses in the case. "These five figures in the motion picture world, and others, actresses, directors

WANTED
The following positions are vacant—see WANT AD section of THE CALL:
2 Bookkeepers
1 Cashier
1 Legal stenographer
1 Marcell woman
10 Young women
11 Stenographers
18 Solicitors
2 Next girls

FILM BEAUTIES AND VICTIM OF TRAGEDY

William Desmond Taylor, who was also known as William Dean Tanner, slain in Hollywood bungalow, and two movie favorites, left, Claire Windsor; right, Mary Miles Minter in a Cleopatra costume.—Photos by "INTERNATIONAL."



Inquest Halted As Detectives Get New Clues

By International News Service.
LOS ANGELES, Feb. 4.—Ending with a dramatic suddenness after only a few witnesses had been examined and with detectives rushing from the scene in a fast automobile on a new and mysterious clue, the inquest over the body of William D. Taylor, film director, who was murdered Wednesday night, today added new sensations to the noted murder case.

Outstanding developments at the proceedings were:

Henry Peavey, negro servant of Taylor, collapsed when taken into the morgue room to view the body just before the inquest started. He was revived, called to the witness stand and there became hysterical, laughing loudly when asked what he did upon

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HUNT FOR TAYLOR SLAYER TURNS TO SAN FRANCISCO

Search for the slayer of William D. Taylor, of telegraphic advices from the south Taylor, Los Angeles film director, that a suspect now hunted in this turned suddenly and unexpectedly to San Francisco today with the receipt

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9 Powers O. K. Far East Treaties

Ford Purchases Lincoln Motors; Price Is Slashed
By International News Service.
DETROIT, Feb. 4.—Henry Ford today purchased the properties of the Lincoln Motor Company for \$5,000,000 at a receiver's sale.

Two other bidders refused to go over this mark.

Ford will start production of cars at

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TWO LATEST BALLOTS ON POPE FAIL TO ELECT

By International News Service.
ROME, Feb. 4.—Two days of balloting by the conclave of cardinals in the Vatican has failed to elect a new Pope to succeed the late sovereign pontiff, Benedict XV.

The fourth ballot, taken late this afternoon, proved fruitless of result. It was just after 5 o'clock when a puff of black smoke from the chimney of the Sistine Chapel gave notice to the assembled watchers in the great square of St. Peter's that the cardinals had voted again without reaching a decision. The next ballot will be taken Sunday morning.

NEWSPAPER SAYS MISTRANGELD LEADS

By Associated Press.
ROME, Feb. 4.—El Mondo, under the heading, "The First Indiscretion," is the only newspaper venturing to publish a purported result of what the conclave accomplished in its first day's sitting.

This account says that Cardinal Gasparri and Cardinal Luconi, archbishop of Palermo, are leading in the first ballot, with Cardinals La Fontaine and Laurenti next, there being scattered votes for Cardinals Acciaioli, Lega, Ratti and Tacoli-Porelli. All were Italian members of the Sacred College.

The second ballot, according to the newspaper, was virtually unchanged, while the last vote gave a strong majority for Cardinal Mistrangelo of Florence, many votes being lost to Gasparri and La Fontaine.

Vatican officials who, although not attending the conclave, are reputed to be best informed, say all this is speculation. The officials, however, are unable to say whether four ballots are being taken daily, or merely two.

Avalanche Baries Train; 110 Killed

TOKYO, Feb. 4. (By the Associated Press).—One hundred and ten persons were killed and numbers of others injured when a railway train was buried by an avalanche at Itogawa station, according to a dispatch from Nagano today. The victims were for the most part farmers, workmen and railway employees, who were engaged in clearing snow from the railway tracks. Medical relief has been dispatched to the scene from Nagano.

FREE Bicycles FOR Boys AND Girls
SEE PAGE 12

Charch Demands 7 Day Marriage Notice

By Associated Press.
RENO, Nev., Feb. 4.—Bishop George C. Hunting of the Episcopal church in Nevada and the clergy under him issued notices today that seven days' notice must be given them before they will perform the marriage ceremony.

"The sanctity of marriage and the

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DRYS TO SURRENDER IN L. A. CHARGE
Prohibition Director E. Forrest Mitchell this afternoon received word from the district attorney of Los Angeles that Prohibition Agent J. M. Krumhansl and James Doyle, suspended field agent, would not be asked to surrender to arrest in Los Angeles on felonious assault charges until Monday. They leave here tomorrow.

WALKER LEADS IN GOLF TOURNEY
By Associated Press.
SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Feb. 4.—Cyril Walker, Englewood, N. J., was still one stroke ahead of Bob McDonald, Chicago professional, at the end of the morning 18 hole round today in the Texas open golf championship.

GENERAL FACES MURDER PLOT TRIAL
By Associated Press.
MEXICO CITY, Mex., Feb. 4.—General Rafael Pimienta, accused of the murder of Vice President Jose Maria Pino Suarez at the time of the Madero assassination in 1913, will be placed on trial for the crime next Wednesday. It was officially announced today. Pimienta was arrested late in 1920.

marriage relationship seem lightly regarded these days," the bishop says, "and the marriage problem should be guarded before the wedding as well as afterward."

HOOVER INVITED
LOS ANGELES, Feb. 4.—Secretary of Commerce Hoover has been invited to speak here February 21 on the Boulder Canyon project on the Colorado River.

Hughes formally announced that the "work of the conference has been accomplished." This was the signal for the beginning of a final round of the speaking. When the final speaking began the conference had, in a hectic two hours, accomplished the following:

1.—Approved a nine-pointed treaty pledging the powers to strict observance of the open door, and to respect

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..A. FILM MURDER NET CLOSES

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FILM DEATH QUIZ HITS DIRECTOR

NEW POPE ELECTED!

CARDINAL OF MILAN, RATTI, TAKES NAME AS PIUS XI

ROME, Feb. 6 (By the Associated Press).—Cardinal Achille Ratti, archbishop of Milan, was proclaimed elected Pope in succession to the late Benedict XV this morning. He has taken the name of Pius XI.

The thousands awaiting in front of St. Peter's for the wisp of smoke which would tell of the election of a new Pope or the failure of the Sacred College to reach a decision, gave a mighty shout at 11:33 o'clock when a thin wisp of smoke came from the chimney leading from the Sistine chapel. It was then known that the Catholic church had once more a duly elected pontiff.

As soon as the two-thirds vote for Cardinal Ratti had been verified, Cardinal Vannutelli, as dean of the Sacred College, arose and proceeded to the throne of the chosen one, accompanied on either side by Cardinals Logue and Bissett, respectively deans of the cardinal priests and the cardinal deacons. He was asked in Latin by Cardinal Vannutelli, in accordance with the custom, if he accepted the election to be supreme pontiff, and the new Pope answered with the formal: "Since it is the will of God, I must obey."

PAPE POPE HOMAGE

Then the purple canopies over the thrones of the cardinals were let down, one by one, until only that over the new pontiff remained. This was done to show that the whole Sacred College rendered obedience to the new head of the church. Dean Vannutelli thereupon asked the new incumbent what name he chose to take during his pontificate, and upon his reply, "Pius XI," Monsignor Sincero, secretary of the conclave, verified his election to the papal chair.

The new Pope was then escorted to the ante-room within the Sistine chapel where he discarded his cardinal's robes, assisted by the conclavists, and the papal vestments, which had been held in readiness since the opening of the conclave, were placed upon him. These included the white cassock, white surplice, white stockings, red slippers, a red and gold mozzetta, and finally the stole of red, worked with gold.

The pontiff, fully vested with the papal garb, and accompanied by his cardinals, thereupon returned to the throne he had occupied in the Sistine chapel.

There the cardinals, according to their rank, and headed by Vannutelli, made their first act of adoration to his holiness, kneeling first, his feet, and then his hands, after which the Pope received them in embrace and bestowed upon them his first apostolic benediction.

RECEIVES RING

The "fisherman's ring" was placed upon his finger and he left the chapel, the whole assembly wending its way through the Sala Decore and the Sala Regia, along the Loggia to the Sala Clementina, the Pope's official residence. All along the way he received the homage of the attaches who served during the conclave.

Meanwhile the deans of the cardinal deacons, Bissett, followed by several cardinals, resorted to the central balcony of St. Peter's, from which the elections of scores of Popes have been officially proclaimed to the world, and solemnly announced to the great crowd awaiting expectantly below:

"I announce to your great joy the election of the pontiff."

This confirmed to the throngs in St. Peter's Square the election which had been

PIUS XI NEW RULER OF HOLY SEE

Cardinal Achille Ratti, archbishop of Milan, whose rapid rise in church ranks culminated today in his election by the Sacred College as supreme pontiff of the Catholic world.

Photo by 'INTERNATIONAL'



ATHLETE, MENTAL GIANT, RATTI RISES FROM COMMON PEOPLE

By WEBSTER K. NOLAN
Staff Correspondent International News Service

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—Ratti, from a letter from Cardinal Ratti within the ranks of the common people to the throne of St. Peter as the two hundred and sixty-first wearer of the golden tiara, Cardinal Achille Ratti, archbishop of Milan, stands out in striking contrast to his predecessor, Pope Benedict XV, born a nobleman.

A high dignitary of the Roman Catholic hierarchy allied to the papal delegation in Washington today recounted the events of Cardinal Ratti's life for the International News Service. Because of the delicate nature of ecclesiastical relations, the monsignor who told the story of the life of the new pontiff refused to be quoted directly. It may be said, however, that he is personally acquainted with the new Pope, having labored with him for years in the Vatican library and having been in receipt

of the "fisherman's ring" which was placed upon his finger and he left the chapel, the whole assembly wending its way through the Sala Decore and the Sala Regia, along the Loggia to the Sala Clementina, the Pope's official residence. All along the way he received the homage of the attaches who served during the conclave.

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IRISH VOTE ON TREATY, PLAN IN LONDON

DUBLIN, Feb. 6 (By the Associated Press).—The conference in progress in London between members of the British Government and the Irish delegation

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Believe Taylor Masked as His Own Brother

By Associated Press.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Feb. 6.—Mrs. John Ketchum, aunt of Mrs. Ada Deane Tanner of Montevideo, today expressed the belief that William Desmond Taylor, slain cinema director, is in reality Dennis Deane Tanner and that Dennis Deane Tanner and William Cunningham Deane Tanner are identical persons.

Mrs. Ada Deane Tanner's name was Ada Brennan. She was born in Buffalo and was married in New York sixteen years ago, Mrs. Ketchum said.

"I met Dennis Deane Tanner in New York before he married Ada," Mrs. Ketchum continued. "Never did I hear of him having a brother. Nor did I ever hear of William Cunningham Deane Tanner, supposed to be a brother of the slain man. I am almost certain he had no brother."

S. F. 'Buddies' of Slain Taylor Tell Of His Character

Flashbacks into the wiled past of William Desmond Taylor and sensational revelations of the ceaseless search for gayety spurring a certain Hollywood film clique to hectic heights—revelations bringing to the fore names upon which Los Angeles detectives have been silent—were made today.

The Call located in San Francisco two men, perhaps two of Taylor's closest associates at one time, who brought into play new lights on the past life of this cinema man, the man whose body lies today in Los Angeles undertaking parlor, while all around him seethes an intensive investigation to disclose that which his lips cannot reveal.

TWO KNEW HIM WELL

The two men found today are: Sergeant Major Ellis V. Towt, late of the British expeditionary forces and Taylor's "bunkie" while he was training for overseas service.

C. A. Dick, who had known Taylor for years and was at one time associated with him. Dick at present is producing director of Screenland productions.

So, while in the opinion that: "Find the motive, the definite, propelling force behind the hand that shot down this cinema man, and you will be able to name, almost instantly, his murderer."

ADMIRER OF BEAUTY

"Taylor was one of the most polished gentlemen in motion pictures. He never placed himself forward and his love affairs, if he had any, were never allowed to interfere with his work."

"He was an admirer of female beauty, I know, but if there is a woman in the world without the film world, or at least one he had met socially outside of the studio."

"Knowing Taylor as I did I am inclined to the theory that he was killed by one insanely jealous over a visit."

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WANTED

The following positions are vacant—see WANT AD section of THE CALL:

- 1 P. B. X. typist
- 1 Cashier
- 2 Bookkeepers
- 1 Typist
- 3 Young women
- 3 Stenographers
- 15 Stenographers
- 2 Next girls

Nations Sign Junking, Far Eastern Treaties

FILM DEATH TRAIL LEADS TO WEALTHY SUSPECT

By International News Service.
LOS ANGELES, Feb. 6.—A squad of detectives hastened to a Hollywood motion picture studio this afternoon to question a prominent director who, it was believed, had ordered two weeks ago to obtain from William D. Taylor letters and telegrams written to Taylor by Mabel Normand, film star. The director was reported to have visited the Taylor home within 24 hours after the body of the slain director was found by his negro servant.

By CHARLES E. HUGHES

Staff Correspondent International News.
LOS ANGELES, Feb. 6.—"Find Edward F. Sands and charge him with the murder of William Desmond Taylor, or eliminate him once and for all from the investigation."

Captain of Detectives David L. Adams, in charge of the score of sleuths seeking Taylor's assassin, issued that order to the police homicide squad today, after a man, whose name was withheld, stated he had seen Sands near the fashionable court in which Taylor resided, shortly after the noted motion picture director was slain, presumably about 6 p. m. last Wednesday.

The new witness, whose identity is being shielded by the police, was reported to have given other information to the authorities which caused most of the detectives to again concentrate their activities on a search for the former secretary of the slain director.

IDENTIFY PICTURE

The informant is stated to have identified a photograph of Sands as the man observed near the Taylor bungalow. The witness was positive in his statement, he said, because he had kept the suspect under surveillance for some time, observing his actions. When he was approached, the suspect was said to have fled.

Other phases of the police investigation, some of which hint of scandal delving into the underworld, involving dope traffickers and other denizens of the criminal realm, still other angles of the official probe of the remarkable mystery reach out toward the circle of stardom in the film industry.

LOVE TRIANGLE THEORY

The love triangle theory projected itself strongly into the case today when police announced that they had learned that a wealthy young New Yorker, at one time reported engaged to marry a leading actress of the film world, had mysteriously dropped from sight the day following the murder of Taylor.

Other investigators learned that the actress in question was a close friend of the murdered man and are proceeding on the theory that the former friend, discovering the close friendship existing between the screen star and

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Here's Text of Harding Speech At Arms Parley

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—

(By the Associated Press).—The address made by President Harding at the concluding session today of the arms conference follows:

Mr. Chairman and members of the conference:

Nearly three months ago it was my privilege to utter to you sincerest words of welcome to the capital of our republic, to suggest the spirit in which you were invited and to intimate the atmosphere in which you were asked to confer.

In a very general way, perhaps, I ventured to express a hope for the things toward which our aspirations led us.

Today it is my greater privilege, and even greater pleasure, to come to make acknowledgment. It is one of the supreme compensations of life to contemplate a worth while accomplishment.

It cannot be other than seemingly for

HARDING IN SPEECH ENDS CONFERENCE OF POWERS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6 (By the Associated Press).—The history-making conference on the limitation of armaments and Far Eastern questions came to its end today with the signing of treaties and a farewell address by President Harding.

With its work characterized by Harding as "the first deliberate and effective expression of great powers in

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SHIPS RUSH TO AID SCHOONER

The government coast guard cutter Yamacraw and the tug Sea Monarch left San Francisco today to aid the schooner Fred Baxter, north of Blunt's Reef. The Admiral Evans and the Rose City are standing by.

AID RUSHED TO DRIFTING BARGE

NORFOLK, Va., Feb. 6.—A radio to coast guard headquarters today from the cutter Yamacraw stated she is proceeding to the assistance of the Shipping Board barge Wasabia, lost from a tow, 300 miles east of Cape Hatteras.

GALIFORNIA PALM PARK O. K.D.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—A tract of 1600 acres 60 miles southeast of Riverside, Cal., will be set aside as a national monument for the purpose of preserving large groves of natural wild Washington palms under a bill passed today by the House.

MILLIONAIRE MANUFACTURER DIES

COLUMBIA, S. C., Feb. 6.—John M. Given, millionaire hosiery manufacturer, New York, Pittsburgh and Chicago, owner of the Palmetto Farms at Aiken, S. C., died at a hospital today.

me, as the only chief of government, so circumstanced as to be able to address the conference, to speak congratulations and to offer the thanks of our nation, our people; perhaps I dare volunteer to utter them for the world. My own gratification is beyond my capacity to express.

GREAT ACHIEVEMENT WROUGHT

This conference has wrought a truly great achievement. It is hazardous some times to speak in superlatives, and I will be restrained. But I will say with every confidence, that the faith plighted here today, kept in national honor, will mark the beginning of a new and better epoch in human progress.

Stripped to the simplest fact, what

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the consciousness of peace, of war's utter futility," the great conference went to its niche of history to await the judgments and developments of the future.

In the great assembly hall of the Daughters of the American Revolution where all its open sessions have been held, the delegates of the nine nations assembled, marched in turn to a space at the great green balustrade and affixed their signatures to the treaties and agreements which are all parts of the structure built to lift from a war worn world the burden of excessive naval armaments; to promote the peace of the Pacific, to give a new bill of rights to China and

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EVELYN THAW SUICIDE, REPORT

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NOTE BARES MARY MINTER'S LOVE

NEW FILM GIRL HUNT

ARREST NEAR IN TAYLOR MURDER QUEST

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 7 (By the Associated Press).—The sheriff's office, which has been conducting an independent investigation into the murder of William D. Taylor, which, it was previously announced, was on the theory of a woman involved, announced today that an arrest would be made late today and that it would not be Sands.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 7.—Motion picture cameras click in Hollywood filming new thrillers, but never have they recorded a more sensational mystery drama than that of the all-star cast surrounding the death of William Desmond Taylor, famed director, which police and private investigation for the last six days has developed only amazing complications of love, hate, gold and adventure.

While a funeral stupendous in its floral tributes and respect for the slain mystery man proceeds, investigators today continue reading of and seeking other love letters from leading actresses and seeking to find whether the fatal shot of last Wednesday was prompted by jealousy, fear, vengeance or some deeply concealed motive engendered in the melodramatically mysterious life of one who prior to 1918 was known as William Cunningham Deane-Tanner, and since as Taylor.

The police are unwavering in their search for Edward F. Sands, former butler-secretary of Taylor. Two warrants have been pending in police hands against Sands for several months.

TWO WARRANTS

One of these is on a charge of grand larceny and the other burglary, both in connection with thefts of articles from the home of Taylor.

The police say that intensive probing of an enormous maze of intricate circumstances, such as possibly could exist no other place than in Hollywood, a definite motive hanging upon a definite individual is confined solely to Sands.

His arrest, they say, is vitally essential to the unraveling of the crime. Insofar as could be proved that he was not connected with the murder, it would enable the police to vigorously probe

WANTED.

The following positions are vacant—see WANT AD section of the CALL:

- 1 Office boy
- 2 Ex-service men
- 3 Salesmen
- 4 Light stenog.
- 5 Cost clerk
- 6 Cashier
- 7 Legal stenog.
- 8 Typists
- 9 Young women
- 10 Stenographers
- 11 Solicitors
- 12 Neat girls

MARY MINTER AND LOVE NOTE

Two views of beautiful cinema star and photographic fac simile of burning epistle found in the effects of William Desmond Taylor, slain in his palatial Hollywood bungalow. Note the butterfly crest bearing the name of the actress on its wings and body.—Photo by INTERNATIONAL.



S. F. HUNT ON FOR NEW TAYLOR CASE SUSPECT

Secrecy surrounded a search being conducted in San Francisco today for a man who formerly lived in Alaska with William Desmond Taylor and who, according to a Los Angeles dispatch to The Call, was a bitter enemy of the murdered motion picture director.

Whether this man met a Los Angeles film actor in San Francisco recently—an actor who is considered a "possibility" among the suspects—is something Los Angeles police are anxious to learn.

According to this dispatch Chief of Detectives David L. Adams of Los Angeles is believed to have worked out the solution to this murder mystery, which has shaken the film world, and is satisfied in his own mind as to the murderer and his motive.

But the case, with all of its ramifications, involves, it is said, so many clever and wealthy persons, both in Los Angeles and San Francisco, that the slayer may never be arrested.

The dispatch laid special stress on the identification of the missing pink silk nightgown. This, it is reported, tallies with the jealousy theory and so again points to a widely known director as a suspect.

If this director has an alibi, the dispatch stated, police in the south believe he had an old enemy of Taylor—thought to be the Alaskan—commit the crime for a consideration and the satisfaction of having revenge.

Pardue Grid Stars Accused in Scandal

By Associated Press.

LAFAYETTE, Ind., Feb. 7.—N. A. Kellogg, athletic director at Purdue University, received information today that six Purdue University football players had participated in a professional football game between Gas City and Marion, Ind., at Marion last fall. An investigation is under way.

'I LOVE YOU' WROTE FAMED FILM BEAUTY TO TAYLOR

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 7.—Among the effects of William D. Taylor, noted moving picture director, murdered here last week, were today found two letters written in a well known school girl code of straight lines and dots. One of these, deciphered, reads as follows:

"I love you—Oh, I love you. I had to come down because mamma remarked that I always seemed to feel rather happy after being out with you. So here I am. Camouflage."

"Furthermore, I am feeling unusually fine—more camouflage."

"I will see you later. God love you as I do."

The home of Mary Minter was under a heavy guard of private detectives today, and none save those with official permission were permitted to enter the grounds or residence. No explanation of their presence was made by the detectives who maintained silence when questioned as to the purpose or by whom they were detailed to guard the place.

Considerable conjecture as to the authorship of the letter mentioned in the foregoing Associated Press dispatch was aroused in Los Angeles today, according to special advice.

Whether the writer of the note was Mary Miles Minter, youthful motion picture star, who admits having been in love with the middle aged but magnetic Taylor, or some other fascinated girl, was a question.

ANOTHER LOVE NOTE

Another letter, which dropped out of a book, was written on stationery embossed: "Mary Miles Minter," and read:

"Dearest—I love you—I love you—I love you." There followed a single large cross and then the words: "Yours, always, MARY."

Miles Minter did not deny having written this letter. She said: "I did love William Taylor. I loved him deeply and tenderly, with all the admiration and respect a young girl gives to a man with the police and culture of Mr. Taylor."

Miles Minter, it will be recalled,

Man Trailed in Nevada Not Sands, Taylor's Ex-Valet

An all night vigil, a hurried railroad trip and a whirlwind man hunt through the streets of Elko, Nev., today brought disappointing failure in the search for a suspect who, it was believed, would prove to be Edward F. Sands, hunted in connection with the murder of William D. Taylor, Los Angeles movie director.

How the suspect was finally found in bed in an Elko hotel and proved to be, not Sands, but a young San Franciscan, was told to The Call early this afternoon by Sheriff J. C. Harris of Elko in a long distance telephone conversation.

The suspect, found in a room which he had rented unaware that he was being sought, gave the name of A. Roloff and said he came from San Francisco.

Constable Berning of Carlin, Nev., first saw the young man on the streets of Carlin last night. He thought he saw a resemblance between the stranger and Sands, whose published description he had read in newspapers, accounts of the murder. Berning wired the Los Angeles authorities who in turn telegraphed instructions to arrest and hold the suspect if he proved to be Sands.

In some way the stranger, could not be found again and this morning Berning learned he had gone to Elko. The constable hurried there by train, searched Elko, and finally found him in a hotel only to discover that the stranger was not Sands.

New Pope to Heal Rift With Quirinal, Is Belief

EVELYN THAW LINKED IN RIVER DEATH MYSTERY

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—Traveling found a marked resemblance between the features of a woman whose body was found yesterday in the Potomac River and photographs of Evelyn Thaw, former actress who was recently reported to have disappeared from her New York home. Washington police today asked police authorities of New York to co-operate in efforts to identify the body.

The body was found three miles below the Seventh street wharf here, and is that of a stylishly attired woman about 20 years of age. When discovered it was floating in midstream, partially encased in ice, and the authorities here believe it had been in the river probably three weeks.

The police today expressed the belief that the woman had fallen or jumped from one of the bridges across the Potomac here. A policeman first noticed the resemblance to the actress, and photographs obtained from newspaper offices and theaters showed the likeness to be more striking. While the local police were of the opinion it was a faint clue to the woman's identity, they decided nevertheless to ask the assistance of the New York authorities.

Crisis Looms as Parliament of England Meets

LONDON, Feb. 7 (By the Associated Press).—The approaching end of the coalition government which has controlled Great Britain's destinies since early in the war, was seen in the assembling at noon today of parliament for what is regarded on all sides as its last session.

The sitting was opened by the king and queen with the customary formalities.

General interest, however, was less taken with any specific subject which might come before the two houses than with the question of the duration of the life of the present parliament, and the government's tenure of office.

The newspapers of all party affiliations except the few definitely supporting the government, for a long time have been castigating the administration for its alleged delinquencies. Accusations of extravagance and failure to grapple with the question of national economy were among the foremost, while others arose from the discontent regarding Ireland, the employment situation and several minor matters.

The uncertainty of the immediate parliamentary future is emphasized by political writers in the morning newspapers, some of whom take the view that such dissatisfaction with the government will be revealed at an early date that its resignation is inevitable.

One writer declared that the government's attitude toward Ulster had so strengthened the supporters of Northern Ireland that an almost complete withdrawal of the conservatives from

CORONATION OF PIUS XI IS SET FOR FEB. 12

ROME, Feb. 7 (By the Associated Press).—The Vatican today began to resume its usual brilliance, eclipsed by the death of Benedict XV, in preparation for the coronation of the new Pope, Pius XI, on February 12. The pontifical household was being set in order.

All Italy, judging from the messages received at the Holy See, seems full of joy that Pius XI sits on the throne of St. Peter. All predict from his first apostolic benediction that the breach between the church and the state will be healed during the present pontificate.

The pontiff's position in this regard is summed up in a speech which he delivered when installed last summer as archbishop of Milan, is now being widely quoted.

HIS VIEWS ON ITALY

He then said: "It is, above all, abroad that one

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JAIL BREAK AT FOLSOM

By Associated Press.

FOLSOM, Feb. 7.—Joseph King, serving 15 years from Alameda County for robbery, scaled the stone wall at Folsom state prison early this morning and escaped. Posses have been sent toward Fair Oaks and White Rock in search of him.

CANADA ANTI-JAP LAW VALID

By Associated Press.

OTTAWA, Feb. 7.—British Columbia statutes prohibiting the employment of Japanese and Chinese on crown lands and public works are valid and not limited by the Japanese treaty act of 1913, the supreme court of Canada ruled today.

CARDINAL'S DEATH QUESTIONED

ROME, Feb. 7 (By Associated Press).—It was reliably stated today that Cardinal Marini had been seen during the morning and that he was seemingly fully recovered from his recent indisposition. This followed dispatches to London stating that the cardinal had died in the Vatican during the conclave.

the coalition was possible, forcing Premier Lloyd George to resign. This extreme view was not general. Such headlines as "On the Brink" and "Under the Shadow of Disillusion," which top the political columns

sees and feels how the Pope continues the greatest dignity and prestige for Italy. Through him all the millions of Catholics in the whole world turn to Italy as a second fatherland.

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BANK MURDER HUNT!

MYSTERIOUS
'S' KERCHIEF
HELD FILM
DEATH KEY

By Associated Press.
LOS ANGELES, Feb. 8.—Indications that powerful influences in the motion picture world were endeavoring to direct the inquiry about the murder of William Desmond Taylor into certain lines, and to prevent its extension in other directions, were reported today by officers employed on the case.

The officers said today that ever since their investigation got under way they had been meeting unexpected obstacles, and that these were growing more evident day by day.

Included in these obstacles were the disappearance of bits of evidence, including letters written to Taylor by Mary Miles Minter and Mabel Normand, and which were believed to have been in his home which he was shot.

THOSE MISSING LETTERS
These letters were gone immediately after the shooting, and reports yesterday were they had been returned to the writers by some unofficial agency. Miss Normand denies that she had received her letters.

Miss Minter was in seclusion, her residence guarded by detectives, but a denial was issued for her also.

Another disappearing clue was a handkerchief initialed "S," but which the police did not believe was the property of Edward F. Sands, former houseman, now sought in connection with the case.

The police said they believed this handkerchief belonged to a motion picture producer, and they wanted it so they would have something tangible with which to confront him as a basis for investigation.

Former efforts to end the wide publicity given the case and those connected with it were also intensified yesterday, representatives of Miss Minter especially seeking to prevent publication of the fact that her home was under guard.

PINK NIGHTIE THEORY
The disappearance from Taylor's home of a woman's pink silk night dress, which was said by Henry Peavey, houseman, to have been kept there, was another item in the list of occurrences deterrent to the investigation and vigorous efforts were being made to find out what became of it.

The police announced today that they proposed to limit the news given out by them in future.

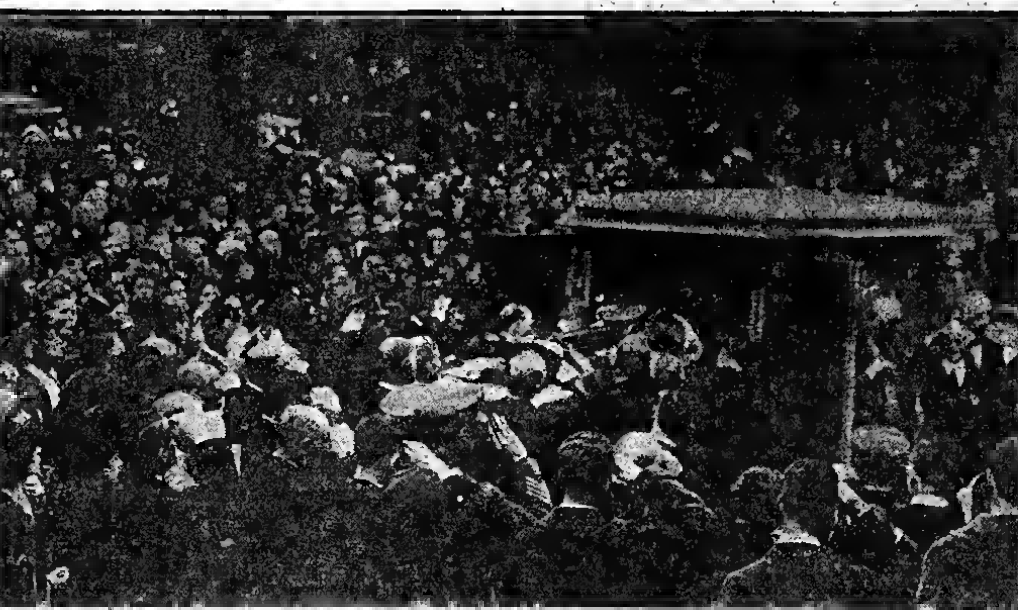
"The newspapers will get nothing further from me in this case until I feel something more," said Captain Louie MacLean, who is in charge of the investigation. "I know nothing about any pink night dress, or any letters returned to actresses. I have several letters, four or five which the newspapers have printed, and which they will not see. They are from Taylor's mother and daughter and others and are not connected with the case."

NEGRO QUIZZED AGAIN
The sheriff's office was also continuing a careful independent investigation today. It was indicated that Peavey, the houseman, would be again questioned about certain details which it was commonly reported he had withheld in previous statements, but had disclosed to friends.

After the funeral yesterday, when Miss Normand was brought back into the church in a faint, Peavey approached hysteria. He sought out Louie MacLean and talked with him nervously for some time in a rear part of the church. MacLean declined to discuss the purpose of the talk. He occupies the house adjoining that in which the murder was committed, and Mrs. MacLean supplied the police with

FIRST PHOTO OF SLAIN MOVIE DIRECTOR'S FUNERAL

Crowds jammed the streets as the casket containing the body of William D. Taylor was carried from the church where last services were held to the waiting hearse. Upon the top of the coffin may be seen the dead man's army cap that he wore as an officer with the British forces. Several former English soldiers, who formed a guard of honor, may be seen saluting as the casket was borne past them. —Photo by "INTERNATIONAL"

MARY MINTER
SILENT ON NOTE

By International News Service.
LOS ANGELES, Feb. 8.—Sheltered from the public gaze behind a barrier of servants and close friends of the family, Mary Miles Minter, sometimes known as "the darling of the movies," and whose name has been mentioned frequently in connection with the tragic death of William Desmond Taylor, because of the admission she is said to have expressed for him, still remained in seclusion at her Hollywood home today.

With the understanding that Miss Minter might care to address representatives of the press, the International News Service correspondent made a visit with other newspapermen to the home of Miss Minter late last night.

It was the belief the popular young star might make an expression regarding the widely published reports concerning a letter signed "Mary," and written on stationery bearing her name, which was said to have been found among Taylor's effects.

JUST 13 WORDS
There were just thirteen words in the missive which reads: "Dearest: I love you—I love you—I love you." and concluded, "Yours always, Mary."

Between the text and signature there were nine crosses and a larger cross. Miss Minter did not see the newspapermen. Neither did her mother. Neither did her personal attorney.

At the door was a man said to have been formerly active as a detective. He was polite, but he let the correspondents know they would not be permitted to pass over the threshold.

NO EXPLANATION
To a friend of the family, the correspondents explained that they felt Miss Minter was reported to have expressed such a high regard for Taylor, she might explain something of the courtesies generally regarded to have been paid her by the cultured and polished director.

"A conference was held by Miss Minter's mother, her lawyer and herself this morning," it was said.

"It was decided that at least for the time being, she would not formally address representatives of the press."

S. F. Woman Aided Taylor to Get Job
Reveals Mystery Woman's Letter

"Honorable, to the core" was the opinion of William Desmond Taylor, murdered film director, expressed today by Mrs. Walter Montague, who, with her husband, conducts a moving picture studio at 1973 Page street. It was Mrs. Montague who put Taylor in touch with his first job in the moving picture business, being obliged to fairly "walk him into" taking the position, as he had expressed an aversion to the class of people in the business at that time. That was several years ago.

That Taylor had a nephew, whom Mrs. Montague believes might possibly have been the purported son referred to in Los Angeles dispatches yesterday, was made known to her through letters received a number of years ago from a woman in a small town in the Middle West whose name Mrs. Montague believes was Williams.

PLAYED FOR "UNCLE BILL"
Of this her memory, she says, is uncertain. These letters sought Taylor's address, which Mrs. Montague furnished when the woman said in one of them that her little boy "played every night for his big Uncle Bill."

Mrs. Montague first met Taylor when he called to thank her for sending sketches written by her husband to Marshall Hudson, former actor, at Dawson City, Alaska, where Taylor was also employed. These sketches were on local theatrical entertainments in which Taylor participated.

Upon his return to the states, Mrs.

WANTED

The following positions are vacant—see WANT AD section of THE CALL:

- 1 Office boy
- 2 Ex-service men
- 3 Young women
- 4 Stenographers
- 5 Solicitors
- 6 Neat girls
- 7 Formers of cartoons
- 8 Legal stenog.
- 9 P. B. X. typists
- 10 Typist multigraph-ops.

SANDS SEARCH
IN SAN RAFAEL

Search for Edward F. Sands, former valet of William D. Taylor, murdered movie director, took a new and unexpected turn today when the Oakland police telegraphed the Los Angeles authorities that a brother of the wanted man was supposed to live in San Rafael.

The information was to the effect that this brother had left Hollywood last October and had resided in San Rafael since.

The east bay authorities regard their information as important, believing that the brother, if located, could throw some light on the wanted man's whereabouts.

At the same time San Francisco police, were co-operating in the hunt for Sands, telegraphic instructions having been received from Los Angeles to watch all outgoing vessels for the fugitive.

It was on the strength of these instructions that the police boarded two vessels about to sail yesterday and scanned lists of passengers and crew in a vain effort to find some trace of the wanted man.

Mrs. Kohl Legacy
Agreement Filed

Special Dispatch to The Call.
REDWOOD CITY, Feb. 8.—The filing with the county clerk at Redwood City today made court record of the statement signed two weeks ago by Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Kohl just before her departure for New York, in which she agrees to accept the \$250,000 legacy provided for her in the will of her late millionaire husband, C. Frederick Kohl, in lieu of the \$15,000 annuity which would have terminated in the event of a future marriage.

Raiding Bands Kidnap
Ulster Union LeadersDENBY ASKS
S. F. NAVAL
BASE GIFT
APPROVAL

By Associated Press.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—Authority for the Navy Department to accept without cost to the government the sites offered in San Pedro for a submarine base; at Alameda for a naval base and at Sand Point, Wash., for a heavier than air naval aviation station, was requested of Congress by Secretary Denby.

In offering \$330 acres for the proposed naval base the city of Alameda stipulated that the development of the base would have to begin before January 1, 1924; otherwise title to the land would revert to the city.

In a letter to Speaker Gillett urging prompt congressional action in authorizing acceptance of the sites, Denby said they had been "closely examined by naval experts and found to be the most desirable for the purpose for which they are required."

Free Tickets, Youngsters, for Call Beach Party
Lined!
Every youngster under 15. Every boy and girl in the whole city under 15.
Come to The Call's Beach Party!
It won't cost you a cent—free rides on all the whirling, plunging, bumping concessions at the Chutes on the Beach.
More fun than two barrels of monkey—and The Call gives it to you just to make you happy. You don't have to do anything but come get the FREE tickets and go out Saturday morning and see them.
Read all about it on page 4. Come on, kids! It's going to be SOME party!

20 OFFICERS ABDUCTED IN ERIN FIGHT, AMBUSH
MONAGHAN, County Monaghan, Ireland, Feb. 8 (By the Associated Press).—Fifteen automobiles, carrying a force of armed men, arrived here at 2 o'clock this morning with twenty-four prisoners heavily guarded and kept from the public view. After a short stay at the county court house the cars proceeded in a southerly direction. (Presumably the prisoners in question were kidnapped Unionists or captured members of the Ulster constabulary.)

DEBT FUNDING
DATE IS NEAR

LONDON, Feb. 8 (By the Associated Press).—Negotiations for funding the British debts to the United States will commence about the end of February, it is anticipated in official quarters today.

Belief was expressed that President Harding will immediately take steps to constitute the financial commission for the allied debt funding bill, as it is believed there is a keen desire in America as well as here to come to grips with the question.

It is expected the British government will receive an invitation from the United States to send experts to Washington to inaugurate conversations.

BELFAST, Feb. 8 (By the Associated Press).—Armed bands raided several of the northern counties of Ireland last night and early today, kidnapping prominent Unionists from their homes and ambushing Ulster special constables on an extensive scale.

The Ulster government announced it would take drastic measures to deal with the raiders. It immediately mobilized in Belfast hundreds of the Ulster constabulary.

Woman Mayor
Unearths Booze
Cache in Spuds

By Associated Press.
FAIRPORT, O., Feb. 8.—Mayor Amy Kauffman from the window of her office noticed a wagonload of potatoes entering Fairport recently and was puzzled to know why farmers were bringing in potatoes when the town already was glutted with them.

She stopped the wagon to investigate, and the woman driver, leaping from her seat, piled into a nearby automobile and left Fairport in a swirl of dust.

The potatoes were dumped and in the midst of them were six containers of whisky, which the mayor destroyed. Steve Tomlin of Concord, who accompanied the load, was arrested.

Mayor Kauffman and the sheriff pursued and arrested the woman at her farm. Her name is Elizabeth Duka. She was arraigned with Tomlin and pleaded guilty to violating the Crabbe transportation act. She was fined \$1000 and Tomlin \$2000.

2 More Roads Cut
Rate for Tourists

By Associated Press.
CHICAGO, Feb. 8.—Western tourist rate reductions of approximately 25 per cent were announced today for the summer months by the Chicago and Northwestern and the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railroads. Similar reductions were announced yesterday by the Burlington, the Great Northern and the Great Western.

NEWS DOWN TO THE LAST MINUTE

U. S. STOPS SHIP BUILDING

By Associated Press.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—All construction work on fourteen capital ships of the navy now building was suspended today by Secretary Denby at the direction of President Harding.

U. S. TREASURY ROOF ABLAZE

By Associated Press.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—Fire broke out this afternoon on the roof of the treasury building where repairs were being made. Two alarms were turned in. Little damage was done.

U. S. URGED TO RECOGNIZE MEXICO

By Associated Press.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—A resolution calling on the administration to recognize the Obregon government in Mexico was introduced today by Representative Ryan, Republican, New York.

POSSE BATTLES SLAYER SUSPECT
MANITOWISH, Wis., Feb. 8.—John Donahue, alleged confessed slayer of Jack Powers, who held Powers' wife prisoner for eight days after the killing, was being besieged late today in his cabin, 18 miles from here, by a posse of 15 armed men.

DOPE PEDDLER JAILED
Chris Vassellius, a marine fireman, is under sentence today to serve a year at the county jail following his conviction by a jury in Federal Judge M. T. Doelling's court yesterday on a charge of selling narcotics to women of the underworld.

ster specials and dispatched them in lorries to the scenes of the kidnappings and attacks, where they are now scouring the country in search of the perpetrators.

Up-to-date afternoon the capture and splitting away of at least twenty conspirators.

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KEY ROUTE ASKS GOAT IS. DEPOT

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MURDER GUN FOUND!

SLEUTHS PUT HIGHER UP FILM MAN ON GRILL

By Associated Press.
SAN DIEGO, Feb. 9.—Belief that a man known both as William Koegel and James Martin, and who committed suicide here last Saturday night or Sunday is Edward F. Sands, sought in connection with the murder of William Desmond Taylor, was expressed today by Coroner S. C. Kelly.

According to Kelly, the description of Martin, or Koegel, fits perfectly that of Sands as sent out by the Los Angeles police. Martin is believed to have come to San Diego last Saturday from Los Angeles. He registered at a hotel that night under the name of Martin, and Monday afternoon he was found dead in his room with a bullet wound in his heart. Papers found among his effects showed that he had an account with the Hellman Bank in Los Angeles under the name of Koegel.

Coroner Kelly communicated his belief to the police that the man was Sands, and an investigation is being made.

By CHARLES E. HUGHES
Staff Correspondent, International News Service.
LOS ANGELES, Feb. 9.—A revolver which may have been used by the slayer of William Desmond Taylor, film director, has been found and the weapon will probably be turned over to the district attorney's office within a few hours, it was learned today by the International News Service.

The weapon was said to have been found in an alley near the Taylor home the day after the murder.

With a revolver which may have been used by the murderer in their possession, investigators will have the most important clue discovered since Taylor was killed, it was declared.

It was learned today that detectives who have been seeking a motive for the slaying of William Desmond Taylor have been checking up the activities of a man of considerable prominence in the Hollywood film colony.

The investigators are endeavoring to learn whether this man has, as was reported from various sources, been in love with a film actress. They are also trying to find whether Taylor was an intimate friend of the woman.

New sensational developments are expected as a result of continuing the investigation of the mystery in the office of District Attorney Thomas Lee Woolwine.

MABEL NORMAND ONLY HAD ONE LOVE AFFAIR: GIRL PAL IN OAKLAND

Miss Julie Courtell, once secretary to film comedienne linked in Los Angeles movie murder mystery.



"Her Real Sweetheart Was Her First Aid in the Movie Game, Years Ago"

"Mabel Normand never had but one affair of the heart that could really be called a love affair, so far as I know, and that was with a widely known movie producer—not William D. Taylor.

"They began in the movies together years ago and each complemented the other's success. I believe this producer cares for her, but the atmosphere of the movie world in which she lives has I think, spoiled Mabel's capacity for caring ardently and sincerely for any one man. She has said that to me herself."

So says Miss Julie Courtell, former secretary and intimate associate of the film star whose name has figured so prominently in the investigation following the murder of Taylor.

Miss Courtell was once a motion picture actress herself. She left Miss Normand and the southern California movie colony for service in France in a motor corps during the war. On her return she abandoned the picture because the life displeased her, she said. She is now manager of the Oakland branch of a widely known automobile concern.

Ulster Arms Border Against Raids

BRIDGE FROM 'KEY' PIER TO ISLAND PLAN O. K. ASKED

Government permission to extend a bridge to Goat Island and the establishment of a ferry terminal on the northwest corner of the island is asked by the Key Route system in an application sent today by the San Francisco-Oakland Terminal Railway Company to the secretary of war, navy and commerce, in advance of seeking congressional authority for the project which is a competitive move to the proposed "bridge the bay" project.

According to the plans made in the application made known today by W. H. Alberger, vice president and general manager of the Key Route system, the project will also include a highway to Goat Island with connection to fast automobile ferries.

WILL BUILD ANY BRIDGE
In outlining the proposed extension of its terminal half way across the bay, reducing the ferry trip by one-half at least, the Key system offers to build any kind of bridge the secretary of war prescribes for the portion from the present pier terminal over the navigable waters between Goat Island and the Alameda County shore so as not to interfere with the passage of ships on that seldom used channel.

Approval of the various departments is necessary before Congress could authorize the building of the bridge. Request is made that the various departments act as soon as they can, and then from the point of the existing terminal docks and slips run a suspension or drawbridge (the type of bridge is not suggested) to the island.

The new terminal would be constructed on an existing abutment which runs out into the bay from the northern point of the island. Permission is asked to blast rocks from the north side of the island and fill in a terminal location, which will be built.

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WANTED

The following positions are vacant—see WANT AD section of THE CALL:

- 10 Agents
- 1 Asst. Mgr.
- 2 Typists
- 6 Stenographers
- 1 Legal stenog.
- 1 Typist-music. opr.
- 2 Ex-service men
- 6 Young women
- 4 Stenographers
- 1 Solicitor
- 2 Next girls

Unions Boycott On Baseball, Plan To Oust Landis

CHICAGO, Feb. 9.—(By International News Service.)—A gigantic boycott of professional baseball is planned for the coming season, it became known today.

"The boycott will be the first of Judge Kenesaw M. Landis' action in the Chicago building trades council wage award."

More than a million union men of the United States will participate in the boycott, it was said.

MOVE TO OUST LANDIS
"Oust Landis as baseball chief or bust professional baseball" is declared to be the union slogan, according to a high union official of Chicago.

Judge Landis' wage award cut the wages of thousands of men. "Everything is set," this official declared. "The boycott will be nationwide, affecting every city where major league clubs play. The boycott has been taken up by union organizations in every nook and corner of the land. The matter was not proposed by labor leaders. It originated in the minds of labor's rank and file."

BOYCOTT PLANS LAID
"The boycott has been worked out and discussed. The finishing touches remain to be added. It was suggested that the subject be brought up at the coming American Federation of Labor meeting."

"However, many unions are going ahead now and there is a possibility that there will be concerted action in the form of resolutions long before the federation meeting is opened."

"Union men everywhere feel that Landis did not give the workmen a square deal."

Judge Landis declined to make any comment upon the proposed boycott of baseball.

William H. McCarthy, president of the Pacific Coast Baseball League, does not regard the boycott of baseball by union labor as serious.

"I do not believe organized labor will lend itself to any such movement," he declared when informed of the dispatch from Chicago.

"Ninety per cent of the players in professional baseball have sprung from the ranks of organized labor. To boycott the game would mean that labor would be boycotting its own."

LANDIS CUT CALLED
"HIS DUTY TO PUBLIC"

By International News Service.
NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—"Judge Landis gave his decision in the Chicago building trades wage award, acting as a public servant of the people," said John K. Heydler, president of the National League, today, commenting on the reported boycott of professional baseball by union men in protest against the decision.

"That award had nothing to do with his position as baseball's chief," he said.

U. S. SLASHES FORCES IN 6 SHIPYARDS OF NAVY

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—Orders have been issued by Secretary Denby for the suspension of all ordnance work designed for the vessels affected by the naval limitation treaty signed at the Washington arms conference. The effect of the orders, it was said at the department, will be to lay off temporarily those employees who have been engaged upon such work.

The yards covered by the order were those at New York, Philadelphia, Norfolk, Va., South Charleston, W. Va., Mare Island, Cal., and possibly Boston.

PLANT HARD HIT
The ordnance plant at South Charleston, which was engaged largely upon construction of large guns and plate armor for the dreadnaughts under construction, was expected to be most severely affected by the orders but, officials said, there was no intention to close the plant entirely.

At the naval gun shop in the Washington navy yard, where most of the fitting of main battery guns is completed, 1500 employees were notified today they would be furloughed without pay. They immediately appointed a delegation which presented a protest to Assistant Secretary Roosevelt.

ORDER TO LAY OFF
The department's order to ordnance depots was as follows:

"Employees whose services are not required because of the order to stop work on battle ships and battle cruisers or because of lack of work or funds must be placed on leave without pay until further orders unless sooner re-employed."

Naval officials could not say how many men would be "furloughed."

Orders for the suspension of work on vessels affected by the naval limitation treaty were received shortly before noon at the commandant's office, Mare Island navy yard. It was explained by the commandant, however, that the orders would be without effect, inasmuch as work on the only vessel at the yard coming within the treaty provisions, the Montana, had been stopped last July owing to insufficient appropriation by Congress.

CLOSE ORDNANCE PLANT
By Associated Press.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Feb. 9.—The naval ordnance plant at South Charleston was later ordered today from Secretary Denby of the Navy Department to close at once and to lay off without pay until June 30 all employees except those necessary for maintenance and protection for the plant.

TO SCRAP BIG GUNS
By Associated Press.

WATERVILLE, N. Y., Feb. 9.—Officials at the United States arsenal here say that under the program adopted at the Washington conference at least twenty sixteen inch guns now under construction must be scrapped. This type is virtually the largest and most expensive used by the War Department.

Call Carnival Tickets Free Tomorrow

Get your free tickets tomorrow, Friday, for the Boys and Girls' One Day Carnival Chutes at the beach Saturday, February 11. One ticket will be given to each boy and girl. Come early, boys and girls, the tickets are free as long as they last.

Body of Youth Slain Jan. 2 Held As Kin Is Hunted

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL.
WILLOWS, Feb. 9.—Unclaimed, the body of Walter Sullivan, young woodsman and fisherman, the victim of a shooting January 2, lies in the morgue here. District Attorney H. W. McGowan started today a statewide search for relatives of Sullivan in the hope that they would make funeral arrangements and appear at the trial of "Slender" Sullivan, alleged bootlegger, who is in jail here under grand

PARLIAMENT READS IRISH FREE STATE MEASURE

LONDON, Feb. 9.—(By the Associated Press.)—The Irish Free State bill, designed to put into effect the terms of the Anglo-Irish treaty, was formally introduced in the House of Commons this afternoon by Austen Chamberlain, the government leader. The bill was read for the first time and will be given a second reading next Thursday.

BELFAST, Feb. 9.—(By the Associated Press.)—Ulster's frontier was virtually

NEWS DOWN TO THE LAST MINUTE

SANDS SUICIDE REPORT DISCREDITED

By Associated Press.
LOS ANGELES, Feb. 9.—Police here, after communicating with San Diego police, expressed belief today that the suicide at San Diego identified as William Koegel is not Edward F. Sands.

\$5,000,000 NOTE SCANDAL CHARGED

By Associated Press.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—The assertion that William Boyce Thompson, of the national Republican organization, had borrowed \$5,000,000 from the New York Federal Reserve Bank on a dummy note, was made by Senator Heflin, Democrat, Alabama, in the Senate today.

FIVE DAYS IN JAIL, FINE FOR SPEEDER

Thomas McGill, foreman of the American Gun Co., was today sentenced to five days in the county jail and fined \$50 for speeding by Police Judge Sylvester McAtee. The fact that McGill is a bridegroom of but a few weeks saved him a lengthy jail sentence, according to Judge McAtee. McGill was found guilty of running down and injuring Medford Aiton at Twenty-second street and Potrero avenue several weeks ago.

Jury indictment charging him with the murder of Sullivan. Sullivan is believed to have had relatives in San Francisco. Sullivan and Sullivan spent the New Year together in Sacramento and returned to Willows January 2. That night Sullivan appeared at Salinas home and knocked at the door. He then retired to the street, where he was struck by three bullets from Salinas' rifle, falling dead in his tracks. Sullivan at the time was armed with a revolver.

Salinas has refused to tell what caused the trouble between him and Sullivan.

PLAN PIONEER'S FUNERAL
By Associated Press.
LOS ANGELES, Feb. 9.—The body of Thomas J. Evans, 91, pioneer street railway builder, who died in a hospital here recently, will be sent to Chicago for burial.

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3 AUTOS CRASH, BURN; 1 DEAD, 4 INJURED

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HUSBAND SPURNS WIFE IN COURT

SECRET MILLER QUIZ

'BRIDAL' CAR IN CRASH; MAN BURNS TO DEATH

An grim aftermath of a society wedding, one man was burned to death, three other men and a woman were severely injured and three automobiles were piled up in a twisted mass of flaming wreckage early today in a spectacular triple crash on the Great Highway at the upper drive on L street.

One of the machines contained members of some of San Francisco's most prominent families. They were returning from the society wedding of Miss Ruth Lenz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Lenz, at their Pacific avenue home, to Hermon Leonard Underhill of Oswego, N. Y.

Two other automobiles had crashed head-on in the highway when the car carrying the society party collided with the wreckage.

THE DEAD

Alfred Larsen, 26, of 189 Parnassus avenue; employed by the Acme Taxi-Garage Company. Burned to death.

THE INJURED

James LeRoy Nickel, vice president of the Miller & Lutz Company, prominent society figure and heir to the estate of the late Henry Miller, California cattle king. Nickel was driving the society machine and was badly burned in an attempt to rescue Larsen.

THE INJURED

Coy Elmer, an occupant of Nickel's machine; badly burned.

Julius Anderson, 1533 Page street, also employed by the Acme Company, who was with Larsen; burned.

Mrs. May Meyer, 335 Leavenworth street; seriously injured; extent not ascertained.

POLICE INQUIRY ON

Nickel was removed to Adler Sanitarium. Meanwhile police are investigating. Detectives George Collins and Al McGinn were dispatched to the scene of the accident to take photographs of the wreckage.

THE INJURED

The Nickel machine with the wedding party had stopped at a beach cafe and was en route to the city when the crash took place. In the machine, besides Nickel, the following were reported:

Miss Geraldine Grace, prominent society debutante and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph T. Grace of Santa Rosa, who are wintering at Mrs. Russell Slade, 1819 Broadway, wife of the vice president of the R. E. Slade Lumber Company.

Miss Gladys Quarre, another prominent society girl and the daughter of Mrs. Carlotta Quarre, 1253 Jones street; at first was reported to have been an occupant of Nickel's machine, but later denied this.

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STORY OF THE CRASH

A second machine was coming in the opposite direction. This car was driven by a woman who was driving a

DEATH PROBE CENTERS ON NORMAND LETTERS

By Associated Press.
LOS ANGELES, Feb. 10.—Mabel Normand, motion picture actress, will be the next star in the feeling by the district attorney's office of all facts and circumstances that investigators can obtain to build up the real story of the mystery drama surrounding the shooting of William Desmond Taylor, noted film director, here nine days ago. It was announced today by District Attorney Woolwine.

SAW HIM LAST

Miss Normand was the last person found by investigators to have been with the slain director. The time of the murder has been fixed within a few minutes of the time which Miss Normand and her chauffeur fixed as that of her departure from Taylor's house, where he was slain. She was with him the night before the murder, and Taylor was deeply in love with her, and they had had a quarrel, according to Henry Peavey, negro houseman for Taylor.

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FILM STARS ON GRILL

Two of the moving picture luminaries who occupy the limelight in the investigation into the death of Wm. D. Taylor, film director, whose friend he was: Right, Mabel Normand, and Mary Miles Minter—Photos by "INTERNATIONAL."



Their love letters were found in Taylor death house.

Girls who are aiding officials to clear Hollywood mystery.

'WOMAN KILLED TAYLOR,' SAYS SUSPECT IN JAIL IN KANSAS

By Associated Press.
TOPEKA, Kan., Feb. 10.—Asserting that he was an intimate friend of William Desmond Taylor, slain Los Angeles motion picture director, that he had attended many parties in Taylor's home and that he knew Edward Sands, missing valet-butler in the Taylor case, well, a man giving his name as Walter Scott Underwood, was being held by the local authorities here today for the Los Angeles police.

He was taken off a train here on a felony warrant charging him with misappropriation of funds of the United Pacific Railway by which he was employed.

Underwood, the officials say, bears a distinct resemblance to Sands. He told officials he believed he knew who had shot Taylor and that jealousy was the motive for the crime.

The man corresponds in every mark of identification given in the description of Sands, even the slight scars on his cheeks and another on the shoulder, according to the under sheriff.

EXPLAINS HIS SCARS
The facial scars, Underwood asserted, were caused by mustard gas in France, while with the Canadian army in the late war. The left arm is decorated with a tattoo mark of an anchor with the initials "W. U."

Passengers who had traveled with him declared that Underwood exactly resembled the pictures of Sands published in the papers.

"I was a woman who did it," said Underwood when questioned about the murder. "I know nothing about it."

Arms Treaties Given to Senate

WIFE PLEA IN COURT TO BE RECONCILED IS SPURNED

Harry G. McKannay, attorney and former secretary to Dr. Edward Roberson Taylor when the latter was mayor, today walked out of Judge E. P. Morgan's courtroom when his wife, Mary, whom he is suing for divorce, made a tearful plea for reconciliation. The case was continued a week.

Mrs. McKannay appeared in court with a picture of the couple's two daughters. She asked that for their sake a reconciliation be attempted. She declared McKannay had no excuse for divorce.

Her attorney said:

"If Mr. McKannay will step up and put his arm about his wife the reconciliation will be effected right now."

Mckannay, who had been seated in the court room, got up and walked out. Mrs. McKannay pleaded for a jury trial.

"Let the people decide," she said.

Mckannay's attorney said his client was on the verge of a nervous breakdown from worrying over the case.

The McKannays were married November 27, 1907. McKannay charges his wife deserted him in December, 1920.

Dynamite Threat To Memorial Hall

By Associated Press.
CENTRALIA, Wash., Feb. 10.—A threat to dynamite the American Legion memorial building that is planned to be erected here was received yesterday by Chief of Police James Compton.

No memorial hall will be built at Centralia, the letter said. "It will be blown up and scabs will be blown up with it."

The letter was signed "T. W. W." and "O. B. U." and was mailed in Seattle.

The proposed memorial building will be dedicated to the American Legion members who were shot down by alleged I. W. W. members on Armistice Day, 1918.

Divorce Publicity Asked in Wife Hunt

Esabel E. Mansfield told Judge Van Nostrand today that he wants his divorce case "written up in the papers" because the publicity may be the means of locating his wife, Winifred, whom he has not seen since he left her in New York in 1918 to go to Buffalo.

Mrs. Mansfield objected to the cold climate at Buffalo, so refused to follow him, he testified, and every means taken heretofore has failed to locate her.

J. E. Harper, his attorney, also told the court that he believed the divorce would add in finding Mrs. Mansfield.

TRIAL ON GIRL CHARGE

Jury was obtained today for the trial of Harry Smith on a statutory charge in Superior Judge Michael J. Roche's court. The jury is composed of nine men and three women. Smith is charged with enticing a young girl to a room.

WHIPPING POST FOR HOME DESTROYER URGED BY JUDGE

Mrs. Nora Ball, who is suing Emory Ball, stable proprietor, for divorce, was advised today by Superior Judge E. P. Morgan that she should have "whipped" all over town and "broken up" her home.

"I may do it yet," said Mrs. Ball. Judge Morgan advocated the public whipping post for men who "break up homes."

Harvey had testified that his relations with Mrs. Ball had been intimate. Mrs. Ball jumped to her feet. "That is not true," she cried.

"I understand," said the court, "that this witness gave similar testimony in a police court action two years ago. You should have whipped him all over town."

"Men who break up homes," continued Judge Morgan, "are the most despicable of creatures. I wish we had a public whipping post to take care of such cases."

Ball was represented by attorney Harry Michaels. Mrs. Ball's attorney is Frank J. Hennesey. Mrs. Ball, whose case has been pending for some time, charges that her husband struck her and was otherwise cruel. He denies it.

'VAMP' QUIZ IN OBENCHAIN TRIAL

By International News Service.
LOS ANGELES, Feb. 10.—Apparently expressing defiance of efforts of the district attorney's assistants to prevent any possible "vamping" on her part with regard to the nine men on the jury, Madalynne Obenchain, on trial for the murder of J. Belton Kennedy, appeared in court today garbed in a very chic costume.

This was what Madalynne wore:

Black felt sport hat, one piece black polka dot suit with white embroidery, black fur, black gloves edged in white, white organdy vest, black slippers and silk stockings.

The attitude of the district attorney's office was disclosed yesterday when a prospective juror was asked: "Would you be influenced in any way should the defendant gaze at you in the jury box and smile at you?"

The spokesman said, "No."

With the completion of the jury list yesterday, the state started the introduction of its testimony. J. D. Kennedy, father of the slain man, took the stand after Dr. A. F. Wagner, county autopsy surgeon, gave brief testimony in which he explained certain "chairs and photographs."

The three scores of letters and telegrams sent by Mrs. Obenchain to J. B. Kennedy, for whose murder she is now on trial, will be the foundation for the prosecution's case, it became known today.

Son Jose Mon for Machinists' Chief

Special Dispatch to The Call.
SAN JOSE, Feb. 10.—William Knudsen, labor leader and former president of the Machinists' Union here, was notified from headquarters at Chicago today of his nomination as a candidate for president of the International Machinists' Union. Knudsen polled the highest number of votes for the candidacy, and was followed by James Johnson of Louisville, Ky.

The bylaws of the International provide that the two highest candidates nominated contend for the election.

Edward Nolan of San Francisco was one of the contenders for the presidency.

WANTED

The following positions are vacant—see WANT AD section of THE CALL:

10 Agents
6 Young women
8 Stenographers
18 Collectors
2 Neat girls

PACTS NOW READY FOR CONGRESS ACTION

By Associated Press.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—The treaties negotiated during the Washington conference were laid before the Senate by President Harding today with a request that they be ratified as guarantees of peace.

Appearing in person before the Senate the President declared that the new agreements would "serve to put an end to contradictions, to remove ambiguities and establish clear understandings."

Seven treaties were submitted by the President. The first was the five power naval armament treaty, the

NEWS DOWN TO THE LAST MINUTE

RUSS FOOD SHIP BURNS AT SEA
CHRISTIANIA, Feb. 10 (By Associated Press).—The British steamship Lowlands, bound for Murmansk with a cargo of food for Russia's famine sufferers, has been destroyed by fire off the Murmansk coast.

LEONARD, KANSAS MAKE WEIGHT

By Associated Press.
NEW YORK, Feb. 10.—Benny Leonard and Rocky Kansas, both complied with the terms of their lightweight championship tonight by weighing in at 135 pounds at 4 p. m. today.

HOLLYWOOD, ILL., TO CHANGE NAME

By Associated Press.
HOLLYWOOD, Ill., Feb. 10.—This little suburb of Chicago has become so upset over the scandals reported in Hollywood, Cal., that a group of citizens are planning to have its name changed.

OIL WELL MACHINERY KILLS MAN

PORTERVILLE, Feb. 10.—Drawn into the machinery of a pump at the Lois oil well, five miles southwest of here, late last night, Charles H. Gregory, oil worker, was killed.

Don't forget The Call's big kiddies' free party at the Casino at the Beach tomorrow. See Page 10.

second the submarine and poison gas treaty, the third the four power Pacific treaty. The fourth and fifth were supplemental treaties to the four power pact and the other related respectively to the general Far Eastern situation and to the Chinese tariff.

Referring to the unratified treaty of Versailles, Harding said it was drawn in response to a manifest world hunger for better relationships, and that the treaties submitted today were drawn in response to the same desire, but without any provision except "to promote peace."

"The four power treaty contains no war commitments," said the President. "There is no commitment to armed forces, no alliance, no written or moral obligation to join in defense, no expressed or implied commitment to arrive at any agreement except in accordance with the treaty."

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GIRL AUTHOR ON GRILL IN TAYLOR MYSTERY

By CHARLES E. HUGHES
Staff Correspondent International News Service
LOS ANGELES, Feb. 11.—A woman known to have been deeply in love with William Desmond Taylor, slain film director, while actresses showered him with affectionate attentions, was expected to be called to the district attorney's office to be questioned today in an entirely new and important phase of the investigation of the mysterious murder.

Taylor's tragic death, it was stated, caused the woman to go into seclusion and deep mourning. The woman's name was withheld, but it was learned that she was known in filmdom as a scenario writer.

LOVE UNREQUITED
The unrequited love of the woman for Taylor, it was learned, extended over a period of years. No suspicion is directed against her, but investigators believe she may be able to throw light on Taylor's life which may reveal a tangible clue.

A theory that Taylor may have been slain by blackmailers was revived today when it was reported that the district attorney's office had been given new information suggesting that he was killed because he tried to defend a motion picture actress from whom blackmailers had attempted to extort money.

It was reported the actress had appeared to Taylor for protection from a gang of blackmailers whose headquarters are believed to have been in New York, but whose operations were nationwide in scope. It was regarded as a possibility that the director may have defied the blackmailers—a move that may have resulted in his death.

QUEZ MISS NORMAND
QUEZ MISS NORMAND, screen star, and District Attorney Thomas Lee Woolwine, which officials announced had shed no new light on the slaying. Investigators today are continuing their tireless probe of new clues, including the recovery late last night of a blood stained cap.

The cap was found late last night in the possession of Walter Thiele, who was booked on suspicion of a burglary the night Taylor was shot.

On the floor of the cap officers found a blood stain.

Two detectives were sent out to search Thiele's room. They stated later they believed the possibility that Thiele may know something of the murder was remote, but that nothing would be overlooked in their investigation.

Captain of Detectives Adams later said he was convinced Thiele knew nothing of the murder.

It was learned this morning by the International News Service that District Attorney Woolwine's corps of investigators have under surveillance a man whose identity is being kept strictly secret, but who is believed to know more about the case than he revealed at conference at the district attorney's office.

Miss Normand left a sick bed, her friends said, to go to Woolwine's office. After the conference, lasting several hours, she returned to her home.

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EX-WIFE AND DAUGHTER OF SLAIN MOVIE DIRECTOR

Mrs. L. C. Robbins (right), who was Ethel May Harrison, actress, deserted by William Desmond Taylor. The daughter, Ethel, is also shown.—Photos by "INTERNATIONAL"



Mabel Normand Talks Frankly of Taylor Tragedy

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 11.—Mabel Normand has broken her silence to newspaper men. Pale and wan, with her voice trembling with emotion, and appearing nervous with her hair braided school girl fashion down her back, the little star said:

"I will talk freely to you. All I ask is that you print truthfully what I say. There is no secret about any phase of my relations with Mr. Taylor. My letters to him I would gladly send before the world if the authorities care to do that."

"I have been charged with trying to recover letters from Mr. Taylor's residence. That is silly. If those letters are printed you will see that they are most casual."

"As for the letters, well, he would write me:

"Dear Mabel—I know you're an awfully busy woman and haven't much time to grant to a poor duffer like me, but—how about dinner together next Wednesday and then the Orpheum?"

"Yours always," "BILLY."

"And on one occasion I answered: 'Dear Desperate Desmond—Sorry I cannot dine with you tomorrow, but I have a previous engagement with a Hindoo prince. Some other time.'"

"Then I would sign the letter with a little sketch of myself or drawing a 'daffydill.' You know the 'daffydill,' those funny little comic figures."

"It has been reported that Mr. Taylor and I quarreled New Year's Eve. I was never with him on that date—never saw him."

TAYLOR CASE IS UNUSUALLY DEVOID OF CLUES: WOOLWINE

By THOMAS LEE WOOLWINE
District Attorney of Los Angeles County
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LOS ANGELES, Feb. 11.—In any case that is so devoid of substantial clues. There remains a great deal to be done and we can only hope from day to day that this situation may change.

I have been informed that articles have been carried by the public press outside of the city of Los Angeles to the effect that the police authorities are not using their best endeavors to unravel this mystery, but from daily contact with the officers working in the case, I have never seen any intimation of such an attitude upon the part of any of them.

In all my experience, I have seldom

Two Safe Blowers Captured; 1 Shot

By Associated Press.
SIoux CITY, Ia., Feb. 11.—Two alleged yegmen were captured and a third is thought to have been wounded in a gun fight with police, while the trio was robbing the safe in a grocery store early today.

The men arrested gave the names of J. H. Dingman and J. E. Welch.

Tanker Beached in Crash; Is Refloated

By Associated Press.
BOSTON, Feb. 11.—The oil tank steamer Clement Smith struck a submerged object at the entrance to the harbor early today, was beached when it appeared that she was sinking and was later refloated and brought to her dock. The boiler and pump rooms were flooded.

Man Trained as Sands Suspect Not Fugitive Butler

Special Dispatch to The Call.
FRESNO, Feb. 11.—Another potential "capture" of Edward T. Sanda, a man in connection with the William Desmond Taylor murder mystery, proved a chimera at the trail's end today when Sheriff W. P. Jones returned after a flying trip with a posse into the back country to report that a new-comer residing in a newly constructed shack answered to Sanda's description. Sheriff Jones left here early today with a posse.

Upon his return he announced that the man only remotely resembled Sanda, that he is Harry Sanborn, a prospector, and that he had resided in the vicinity two or three months.

**Mob Is Foiled in
Attempted Lynching**
By Associated Press.
ATLANTA, Ga., Feb. 11.—Following the murder of Cora Jones, white woman, here Thursday and the arrest of Sam Watkins, charged with the crime, a heavily armed mob of about 250 men attempted to lynch Watkins here last night.

Sheriff Phillips heard of the gathering of the mob and spirited Watkins away to an adjoining county.

Guns Crack in Belfast Riot

BOY BURNED, 15 FIREMEN OVERCOME IN BLAZE

Property of an estimated value of \$500,000 was destroyed, a youth was badly burned, fifteen firemen were overcome by dense smoke and the lives of others were menaced by frequent explosions of chemicals during a fire which this forenoon swept the three-story brick building occupied by the Thomas Day Company, electrical fixture manufacturers, in Allison street between Third and Fourth streets. The fire was still raging as noon approached.

Ten of the fifteen firemen recovered and resumed their fight against the flames. The other five were sent to hospital.

The burned youth was John Paroli, office boy. He had gone to the basement at the request of a foreman to inspect a lacquer tank.

The boy accidentally dropped a lighted match in the tank. Flames leaped up, and the boy fled, his clothing on fire. He rolled on the floor, extinguishing the fire in his clothes. Then he fainted.

It was some time later, after the 200 men and women employees, notified of the fire by a passerby, had fled from the building in fear of an explosion of chemicals in the basement, that the boy was rescued.

Whitman Symmes, president of the concern, and living at the Fairmont Hotel, led a band of employees into the basement to rescue the boy. Dense clouds of poison fumes and smoke drove them back.

Then up the steps a berged figure made his painful way. It was John Paroli. He fell into the arms of rescuers and was rushed to a hospital.

Three alarms of fire were turned in. So dense was the smoke at the early stages of the fire that Chief Thomas R. Murphy refused to allow his men to enter the building.

BLASTS IN BASEMENT
A series of explosions occurred in the basement during the progress of the fire. Here were stored huge tanks of chemicals and acids.

The smoke rolled from the basement and high in the air, attracting thousands of spectators.

So great was the throng that Chief of Police Daniel O'Brien took personal charge of handling the crowds. Scores of policemen were hard put to keep the crowds back of the danger line. Danger of disastrous explosions was constant.

In the basement was stored a \$250,000 stock of fixtures. This was destroyed. A portion of the machinery, worth \$150,000, in other parts of the building had not been touched by the fire during the morning. Firemen believed they would save the building from destruction.

The fire was discovered by a passerby who saw smoke pouring from the basement. He ran into the building and notified officials. Employees were notified and rushed out.

Solons Discuss 4 Power Pacific Pact in Meeting

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11 (By International News Service).—The four power treaty, definitely settling the long standing dispute between the United States and Japan over the island of Yap, the most important cable center in the Pacific, is to be signed at the State Department at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon.

Secretary of State Hughes will testify for the United States and Baron Shidehara, the Japanese ambassador, will sign for Japan.

By Associated Press.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—Consideration of the four power Pacific treaty, one of the seven laid before the Senate yesterday by President Harding as the products of the Washington conference, was begun today by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, which, after a lengthy discussion of the pact, adjourned to meet again Tuesday.

No definite program for consideration of the four power and other treaties was agreed upon today by the committee. There was no demand for hearings, however, and senators said they probably would be dispensed with.

The four power treaty was taken up first by mutual consent. It was said that it was read and reread at the initial committee meeting with lengthy explanations of various phrases made by Senator Lodge of Massachusetts, chairman, and one of the American delegates to the conference.

REPORT FACTS SEPARATELY
Senator Lodge, after the session, said that it was probable the committee would not consider the seven treaties at one time but would report on each treaty as its consideration was finished.

Friends of the four power treaty expressed satisfaction over the progress of the first committee session. Senators Borah, Republican, Idaho, and Brandegee, Republican, Connecticut, who have been inclined to oppose the treaty, were said to have asked many questions and raised points as to the treaty's possible implications, including that of a moral obligation for use of American force in its observance.

It was understood that Senator Lodge vigorously reiterated the contention that there was no obligation for the use of force and only one for declaration in the event any question should arise challenging the four powers' insular rights in the Pacific. Indications were said to have been given that there would be considerable Democratic support for the four power treaty.

NO OPPOSITION
There was no definite declaration today from any quarter of opposition to the treaty.

Together with the treaties, the Foreign Relations Committee had before it the report of the American delegation at the Washington conference. This report, along with the treaties, was presented to the Senate late yesterday by President Harding, who asked ratification of the new pacts without delay in order that America's professed desire to rid the world of war may not become a "hollow mockery."

PRISONERS TO BE FREE NEXT WEEK, REPORT

LONDON, Feb. 11 (By the Associated Press).—The colonial office announced today that pursuant to authority granted by the British cabinet steps were being taken to release the prisoners who were taken into custody for offenses committed in England from Irish political motives prior to the Irish truce.

By International News Service.
BELFAST, Feb. 11.—Machine guns were used by the police today in quelling rioting between Orangemen and Sinn Feiners. Fighting broke out when mobs attacked workmen on their way to places of employment. Police opened fire with service pistols, but they proved ineffectual and machine guns were brought up. There was much disorder during the night. Mobs gathered in defiance of the curfew regulations and gave battle when the police tried to disperse them.

TROOPS FOR BELFAST
BELFAST, Feb. 11 (By International News Service).—Great Britain has promised to send four battalions of British troops into Belfast to protect the city from Irish Republicans, according to a statement from Sir James Craig, Unionist premier of Ulster, today.

TO BE FREED NEXT WEEK
BELFAST, Feb. 11 (By the Associated Press).—Reports were received here today from the Ulster border that none of the captives taken in this week's kidnappings would be freed before next week.

These reports said the Ulster special constables and the contingents of the Irish republican army were watching each other like hawks across the "Bordermough-borough" line. Fighting today was so rigid that business was suspended.

AMNESTY DECREE
DUBLIN, Feb. 11 (By International News Service).—Feeling between the Orangemen and the Sinn Feiners is running high along the Ulster frontier, but no further fighting had been reported this morning.

The Irish provisional government has issued a decree signed by Michael Collins, minister of finance, granting general amnesty to "all members of the British military, naval and police forces for acts of hostility to the Irish people."

This decree was to reciprocate the British grant of amnesty to the Sinn Feiners.

POLICE HELD UP
CORK, Feb. 11 (By the Associated Press).—A heavy load of police traveling from Macroom to Bandon this morning was held up by armed men. The attackers captured the car, looted it with rifles and equipment, but there were no casualties.

JOHNSON TO ASK ARMS RESERVATION

By International News Service.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—Senator Johnson, Republican, California, has announced that he will propose one of the following resolutions.

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Brolaski Loses Booze Term Appeal

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ZEY PREVOST IN MYSTERIOUS ESCAPE

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'DOPE' GANG BLAMED IN TAYLOR MURDER

By CHARLES E. HUGHES
Staff Correspondent International News.
LOS ANGELES, Feb. 13.—Presiding Judge James H. Wilson today ruled upon a theory that a "dope ring" may have had a direct connection with the playing of William Desmond Taylor, film director, Frank Dewar, a deputy sheriff, who has been active in the investigation, today revealed that a search is on for a Hollywood scenario writer and his wife.

Dewar told the International News Service that the search for the couple was started by a belief that they could give information concerning a gang of "dope" peddlers, who, it was suspected, may have plotted against the murdered director.

District Attorney Thomas L. Woolwine and other officials have started an investigation that is expected to reach every nook of the great studio center.

The district attorney and two of his chief investigators were engaged today on a secret mission that started last night.

Charles A. Jones, former chief of police, has been actively engaged in the investigation. Jones stated that the officers last night and this morning had been working on a number of clues and intimating that new developments might be expected soon.

The official denied that the night's work had dealt with any of the prominent motion picture stars who have been mentioned in connection with the case.

In keeping with the district attorney's avowed intention of turning the searchlight of scrutinizing investigation on every faction in Hollywood, whether prominent or inconspicuous, it was said that Mary Miles Minter, screen beauty and friend of the murdered man, and Miss Neva Gerber, who was once engaged to him, might be summoned to the district attorney's office during the day to tell what they knew of Taylor's life and any possible enemies he may have had.

QUIZ FILM PEOPLE
It was reported Miss Minter had been interviewed by Woolwine yesterday, but this was denied at the official office.

Other prominent film personages may be called to the district attorney's office.

Mabel Normand, it was learned today, has suffered another serious nervous collapse at her home. She appeared at the district attorney's office Friday night and was closed in conference for four hours. The strain of this questioning, it is said by physicians, has brought on her present condition.

The Screen Writers' Guild, an organization of scenario writers, has announced a reward of \$1000 for the arrest and conviction of Taylor's slayer.

Police denied today that John "Red" Dalley was being sought as a suspect in the Taylor case.

"Dalley is sought for burglary," said Captain of Detectives Adams. "We have eliminated Walter Thiele and Dalley of suspicion in connection with the Taylor case."

Thiele was arrested last week and is held on a burglary charge.

**Unidentified Victim
Of Train Accident**
Partial Dispatch to the Call. Feb. 13.—A watch chain in the form of a fish and the initials "E. B." on a steel ring were the only identifying marks on a man killed by a Southern Pacific train at Valley Junction today.

He was brought to a hospital here, with small chance of living.

MABEL NORMAND AT BEACH



Attractive pose of screen comedienne and today one of central figures in investigation of mystery murder of William Desmond Taylor, noted director, who saw him just prior to death. Photo by INTERNATIONAL

ALL LOS ANGELES TURNS TO SLEUTHING ON TAYLOR CASE

By HERB WESTEN
Staff Correspondent of The Call.
LOS ANGELES, Feb. 13.—The murder of William Desmond Taylor assumed added national significance today when The Call learned that two special investigators imported by certain powerful interests to work independent of police and district attorney were hurrying here from Chicago.

One of these investigators is nationally known for his work in trailing Clara Barton into Mexico and her subsequent arrest for the murder of a man.

A series of concentric circles have been thrown around the city for the slayer who, the majority believe from what little they know, has not dared to vary his former routine of life.

Out of a population of 578,000 today in this city there are 575,994 amateur and professional detectives seeking the murderer of Taylor.

Out of the remaining four two are deaf, dumb and blind and do not read the newspapers; one left town this morning and the fourth is the slayer himself.

The sleuthing fever is at a high heat and book stores report a phenomenal run on Sherlock Holmes, Craig Kennedy and the lurid Nick Carter.

With the incentive of two \$1000 rewards, one offered by a local newspaper and the other by the Screen Writers' Guild, everyone is suspicious of everyone else and the chief of police is conferring ordering everyone but the slayer to wear a badge.

ANONYMOUS TIPS
As a proof that the above is not exaggeration Los Angeles papers this morning report that hundreds of anonymous tips are being received.

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APPEAL OF BROLASKI IN BOOZE JAIL TERM LOST

The United States District Court of Appeals today sustained the judgment of the federal district court of December, 1920, by which Harry Brolaski, so called "master mind" of a bootlegging ring, and Douglas Newlon were sentenced to terms in the federal penitentiary at McNeil Island and fined \$10,000 and \$5000, respectively.

"I am disappointed, of course," was Brolaski's comment, "but I see some hope in the dissenting opinion. I shall carry the fight to Washington. If I have to go to jail I won't take the Clancy route. I'll go to jail smiling."

The judgment of the lower court was upheld by Judges William H. Hunt and William H. Gilbert. Judge E. A. Tamm writing a dissenting opinion.

Attorneys for the two convicted men had filed exceptions to the conclusion of the trial.

Brolaski's sentence, imposed by Judge M. T. Doelling on December 18, 1920, was for two years, with a fine of \$10,000; that of Newlon, two years, and a fine of \$5000; Judge Doelling decided with these two, was acquitted.

30 DAYS FOR REHEARING
The sentences, if the defendants' further efforts to have them set aside fail, must be served at McNeil Island. Brolaski and Newlon now have thirty days in which to apply for a rehearing before the Circuit Court of Appeals, or three months in which to file an appeal to the Supreme Court at Washington.

The tribunal first named is the one that acted today. If the defendants decide to go to Washington, they must, inside of thirty days, ask the Circuit Court for a stay to secure the two months' delay remaining.

Twice during the trial the jury came back to report inability to agree before finally reaching a decision. On the first return, after twenty-one hours' deliberation, Judge Doelling, in sending it back, said:

"I was very much surprised to read in the papers yesterday morning that some sporting gentlemen, apparently with foreknowledge of the result, were betting two to one on the result of the trial. There did not seem to me to be anything in the case warranting such long odds. I do not desire to be a party to the easy winning or losing of bets of that kind. I think that others who had confidence in the twelve men, if I may borrow a sporting phrase, should at least have a run for their money."

PREJUDICE CHARGED
Those remarks, counsel for defendants claimed, prejudiced the jury, intentionally influencing an adverse decision. What, touching on that point, Judge Hunt wrote:

"There was nothing in the remarks of the court that tended to urge or to induce the jury to find a verdict against the defendants."

JUDGE RISES DISSENTS
In dissenting, Judge Rose said that from the remarks of Judge Doelling, quoted above, it was easily possible that one or more of the jurors might gain the impression that the court was convinced of the guilt of the defendants, particularly as the jury had been out but one night and part of a day, without being able to agree. Judge Rose, however, agrees with his associates as to the actual matter of proof of guilt.

Bible Class of Stars With Hays Pastor, Is Urged

By Associated Press.
CHICAGO, Feb. 13.—A Bible class of "movie" stars, with Will Hays, director general of the "movies" and postmaster general, as teacher, and the ten commandments as the text of study, was advocated in a sermon here yesterday by Rev. George G. Dowsay, at the Third Presbyterian Church.

"Will Hays is an elder in the Presbyterian church," Rev. Dowsay said. "He is also the new director general of the 'movies.' I suggest that he put his religious beliefs and talents into effect and see if he can't get some of the 'movie' stars not only to learn the ten commandments, but also to obey them."

"I admit that Mr. Hays will have a hard time to abolish the carousals of the 'movie' stars."

\$70,000,000 Navy Cut in Denby Plan Given Congress

By Associated Press.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—Secretary Denby appeared before the House naval committee today to recommend that the navy personnel for the next fiscal year be fixed at 90,000 men and 6000 apprentices as compared with 100,000 men and 6000 apprentices now authorized.

Denby recommended that there be no reduction in the existing strength of line officers of the navy; that the first class at Annapolis be graduated and commissioned, but that appointments to staff and reserve be reduced to three for each member of Congress instead of five.

The naval secretary recommended that the destroyers be placed out of commission. He said that the program he outlined would effect a saving of \$70,000,000 in next year's budget.

Secretary Denby's statement pointed out that since 1916 the warlike naval establishment had been reduced from 1362 vessels in commission to 890, the commissioned personnel from 32,708 to 6183 and the enlisted force from 67,233 to 50,999.

"It is in my opinion," he said, "to get back to normalcy from such vast expansion."

LIMITATION TOLD
Denby said the net result of the naval limitation conference today is that Great Britain is to have twenty-two capital ships, the United States eighteen and Japan ten, there being no limitation on auxiliary combat craft except as to the size and armament.

When the conference opened, Denby said, the United States had forty-eight battleships, thirty-five cruisers, thirty-three destroyers, thirty-two submarines, 106 auxiliary ships, and 164 small vessels. It is clear that no definite conclusion as to the future strength of the United States navy should be reached until ratification by the Senate of the pending treaty, because we shall not know absolutely until then that the treaty will become effective. This complicates the question of personnel.

STATS OF FLEET
Denby described the status of the fleet in commission today, showing that battleships carry about 34 per cent complement, destroyers from 50 to 80 per cent and submarines from 40 per cent up.

"It is quite clear that the navy is enlisted, and commissioned personnel both, is undermanned today," he said.

Denby pointed out that, until the thirty-four-knot scout cruisers now under construction were completed, the navy would have "no vessel other than the destroyer capable of making even twenty-five knots an hour."

Denby said navy officers had "joyfully and earnestly" co-operated in the efforts at national retrenchment. Since he took office, he added, "the naval ship had been sold and the money turned into the treasury."

Sinn Fein, Ulster Men Near Battle on Border

Zey Prevost IN 3 FLOOR DROP FLEES SLEUTHS

By Associated Press.
SALT LAKE, Feb. 13.—A pretty young woman, thought by police to be Zey Prevost, the missing Arbuckle witness, escaped from a hotel here today while detectives were waiting in the hotel lobby for authority from San Francisco to take her in custody. She was said to have lowered herself on a rope from a third story room to a courtyard below.

The woman, who registered at the hotel last Wednesday as Mrs. Zabelle Elroy, placed no address upon the register. According to a statement made by hotel employees to the police, she came to the hotel she had kept closely to her room.

When approached earlier in the day by local newspapermen and addressed as Miss Prevost, "Mrs. Elroy" stoutly maintained that she was not Zey Prevost.

She declared her intention of leaving today for Cuba. Police and newspapermen were mystified as to how she escaped from her room and was able to take all her baggage without observation.

Yap Cable Treaty To Senate for O. K.

By Associated Press.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—President Harding today transmitted to the Senate for ratification the treaty between the United States and Japan with respect to the island of Yap and other former German owned islands in the Pacific north of the equator.

Under the terms of the treaty, which was negotiated during the armament conference and signed on Saturday, this government is guaranteed equal cable facilities with Japan on the island of Yap, the most important cable station in the Pacific.

**Avalanche Baries
14 Hikers, 3 Hurt**
By Associated Press.
PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 13.—Twelve members of the Mazamas, Portland's mountain climbing club, were swept by a snowslide 300 feet down the side of Mary's Peak, ten miles west of Corvallis, Sunday. One woman was seriously hurt and two men were injured. The climbers were sliding on the snow when the avalanche gave way, carrying them with terrific speed and landing them in a ravine buried by snow.

Other members of the party dug out those who were buried in the snow.

Boy 'Ponzi' Tells Judge Landis of \$5,000,000 Bunko

By Associated Press.
CHICAGO, Feb. 13.—White Raymond Blachoff, "boy speculator," was explaining to Judge Kenesaw M. Landis what had become of approximately \$7,000,000 entrusted to him by thousands of families in Chicago's stock yards district, several hundred persons today, stormed his office, searching for the man whom they declared had brought them financial ruin.

"He's making us slaves," he ruled us, let us at him," and other imprecations filled the air for nearly an hour.

While Blachoff, who admitted he was short \$1,500,000, insisted he had played a lone hand in his speculations, search was begun for his slayer, who was believed to be on or en route to the Pacific Coast.

NEWS DOWN TO THE LAST MINUTE

THREE YOUTHS CONFESS 20 ROBBERIES

By Associated Press.
SALT LAKE, Feb. 13.—L. E. Riggs, 26; B. A. Harrison, 15, and E. C. Clark, 24, have confessed to committing 20 burglaries and holdups in Salt Lake City within the last two months, according to the police.

3 BEAVER PLAYERS SIGN CONTRACTS

By Associated Press.
PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 13.—"Suds" Sutherland and J. W. Middleton, two new twirlers of the Portland club of the Pacific Coast League, today notified President W. S. Klepper that they had signed their contracts. Ike Wolfer, outfielder, also sent his acceptance today.

PADDOCK WORKS OUT; MAY RUN THIS YEAR

By Associated Press.
LOS ANGELES, Feb. 13.—Charles W. Paddock, "fastest human being," holder of the 100 yard sprint and several other cinderpath records, worked out today at the University of Southern California and indicated that he would run this season.

entrusted to Blachoff by customers wishing to speculate in oil securities. No trace of the bonds has been found.

Blachoff's blind stipendiary, F. O. Davis, and his cousin, B. F. Geer, were others spoken of by authorities in seeking the bottom of the youth's tangled finances. They were questioned by Judge Landis today.

TELLS OF HIS SWINDLES
Smiling and without visible embarrassment, Blachoff told Judge Landis the story of his financial ventures, maintaining throughout his innocence of any intentional wrongdoing.

"I have always loved adventure and loved to take a chance," he said in reply to questions from his receiver's attorney.

"While employed at a local packing concern I dabbed in the stock market. Then, just at a time when I was about \$10,000 in the good, a friend asked me to raise money to pay interest on a mortgage on his house. He put in \$200,

BRITISH SEND SOLDIERS TO SERVICE IN BELFAST

LONDON, Feb. 13 (By International News Service).—Rifle and revolver firing was in progress in parts of Belfast throughout the entire night, according to word received from that city this morning.

A man and a woman were shot dead at Belfast late Sunday night. A tense situation prevails along the Ulster frontier, where bands of Republicans and bands of Orangemen

confront each other ready for battle. According to the "Daily News," Sir James Craig, premier of the Unionist government of Ulster, proposes that large forces of British troops be sent to the Ulster border to patrol both the "Ulster and the free state side."

TROOPS FOR BELFAST
Official announcement was made in Downing street that four battalions of British troops, which were originally under orders to evacuate Ireland, have been ordered to Belfast.

A battle between Sinn Feiners and Ulster is imminent at Clones. (Clones is on the Great Northern Railway. It lies in Monagh County, near the border of Fermanagh County. In the southern part of Ulster province.)

Hundreds of residents of the town and the district have fled. Armies from each faction are patrolling the roads leading into the town and trenches have been dug.

While the British government is satisfied that the Irish provisional government is in a position to maintain order, it is not satisfied that the Irish provisional government is in a position to maintain order.

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HARDING FOR BONUS, BANS TAX

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FORD'S SHOALS PLAN OUTLINED

C. F. FILLIPLOT CLUE

GUNMAN PAL OF SANDS THREATENED TAYLOR

What the police think may prove to be an important clue connecting Edward W. D. Taylor, the alleged assassin of William Desmond Taylor, with the mysterious murder of the Los Angeles motion picture director, was furnished today by Charles Carson, 49, a former sea captain, stopping at the Admiral Hotel, 148 Embarcadero.

Carson, visited the detective bureau at the Hall of Justice and told a remarkable story to Captain Duncan Matheson and Lieutenant Frank Winters which, if true, connects Sands with the murder in unmistakable fashion.

Charles Carson, S. F. mariner, whose story concerning alleged plot to kill W. D. Taylor, film director, is being probed by police.—Photo by Call cameraman.



Taylor's Murder Now Laid to Plot Of Blackmailers

By CHARLES E. HUGHES
Staff Correspondent International News Service
LOS ANGELES, Feb. 14.—A report which was without definite confirmation gained circulation here today that District Attorney Woolwine and his aides, while claiming they are "virtually up against a blank wall" in their investigation of the mysterious murder of William Desmond Taylor, famous film director, have been working for days on evidence which needs only additional corroboration to place them in a position to take decisive action in unraveling the case.

The report that the director of the probe "working under cover" and with great secrecy had developed a definite theory of the slaying was coupled with the report that the investigators have received information suggesting that Taylor was slain by blackmailers when he fought to protect the good name of an innocent motion picture star.

THEORY STRENGTHENED

An indication that District Attorney Woolwine is paying special attention to the blackmail theory was given this afternoon when it was learned that one of his ablest investigators has been assigned to determine just why the slain man drew \$2500 from a bank the day before he was killed and re-deposited that sum the day he was slain.

Another development this afternoon was the questioning of Mrs. J. M. Berger, income tax expert, who advised Taylor the afternoon before he was slain with regard to making out his income tax return.

It is understood District Attorney Woolwine desired to learn any details of Taylor's financial affairs which he might have mentioned when discussing the tax return with the expert.

ZUKOR IN QUEST

The demand of Mabel Normand that the murderer must be found and punished and the announcement of Aubrey Zukor, president of the Famous Players-Lasky Corporation, that his com-

BLUNDERING CHARGED TO L. A. MURDER PROBERS

By HERB WESTEN
Staff Correspondent of The Call
LOS ANGELES, Feb. 14.—Someone has blundered. Just thirteen days ago today an assassin's bullet lost itself in the heart of William Desmond Taylor. Investigators thus far have found the bullet, but that is all.

The charge of blundering has been hurled openly.

Why were the fingerprints on certain objects in Taylor's room not obtained by the first investigators on the scene before they were destroyed?

Why was an unknown physician allowed to pronounce death due to a hemorrhage and then allowed to disappear without being identified?

Why was not photographic evidence taken of the scene of the murder before the body was removed and the furniture in the room rearranged?

Why were curiosity seekers and others allowed to make the death chamber their playground, destroying possible evidence?

BLUNDER CHARGED

These are the questions being asked here today and the only answers seem to be the echo of "someone has blundered."

That police, the sheriff's office, the district attorney and private investigators are not doing their utmost now. They simply started on a cold trail and its fidelity was emphasized by the commentary that it was four days after the murder that the description of Sands, Taylor's missing assailant, was published. This should not be taken, however, as indicating that the probe is centering around this man. It isn't. It's centering around a lot of men, and women, too; but today, a fortnight after the murder, investigators admit they are as mystified as ever.

There is a galling impression in responsible circles that, hating the expected, the slayer of the noted director will never be arrested.

Out in Hollywood, seated in a bare cubbyhole of an office behind a door marked "Captain," there sits the one man who, it is believed by many, stands the best chance of solving the mystery, if given free rein.

COULD SOLVE CRIME

He is Captain George K. Home of the Hollywood district police, both former chief and captain of detectives of the Los Angeles police department. He lives among the film people, knows the ground and besides is the hero of many a Los Angeles crime case.

But Captain Home, when asked for his opinion, just smiles at you. "I'm captain of police here; I have nothing to do with the detective bureau. Yes, it is an interesting case. Very interesting and mystifying, too, yet—and here he pauses to gaze out of the window and then swings back to flash that bland smile at you.

I went out to Hollywood to see how a newspaper man could penetrate into the veil of silence and reputed hostility lurking there. It took a special letter from Captain Home to land inside the Lasky Studio, where Taylor worked.

Throughout most of the day I mixed with film folks, watched them work, discussed the murder mystery with them, and ate with them in one of their trick cafes that line Hollywood boulevard and withal resemble the

'Pussyfoot' Thrown Out Of Cafe

CHICAGO, Feb. 14.—W. R. ("Pussyfoot") Johnson, who "lost an eye to make England dry," left Chicago today with no regrets on his part.

"Pussyfoot" innocently slipped into the "bright lights" region last night in search of lyceum lecture material. He visited several "black and tan" resorts. At the Rex Cafe the famous reformer was recognized.

The singing of a stately blonde was interrupted by the overturn of chairs.

"Pussyfoot" drink was swept from the band. He was led from the place. His overcoat was thrown after him.

Vast Earnings by Muscle Shoal Plan Cited to Congress

By Associated Press
WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—W. R. Mayo, chief engineer and personal spokesman for Henry Ford, today notified the House military committee investigating the Ford offer for purchase and lease of the Muscle Shoals, Ala., government owned properties "that Mr. Ford had made the best offer he could."

The statement was accepted by the committee as reaffirming Mayo's declaration of yesterday that Ford would not accept any material alteration in his proposed plan.

The investigation was continued today.

"One item of considerable size," Representative Miller of Washington said, "will be the \$1,600,000 interest charge in the two years required to complete dam No. 2 and construct dam No. 3. The \$200,000 to be used for this work must be raised by bonds, probably at a 4 per cent interest. We cannot load the taxpayers by taking it from the treasury."

Mayo said the dam could be constructed within a two year period.

MILLER STATES INCOME

Representative Miller said he believed the cost to the government for maintenance of the locks and dams would be in excess of the \$25,000 a year Ford would pay under his offer, and asserted that "all the time you will be getting an additional benefit of 250,000 horsepower a year from the dams."

"That is not of any particular value," Mayo said.

"But it is available for you if you want it," countered Miller.

"At \$15 per horsepower, a reasonable rate to sell power," Miller continued, "your income would be \$4,125,000 a year from the primary horsepower alone."

"The secondary power, valued at one-third of the primary power, would bring you \$1,375,000 a year more," remarked Miller.

"You're figuring on a horsepower yearly basis, which is wrong," Mayo retorted.

By another calculation Miller reduced the income from the sale of secondary power to \$1,140,000, which, he said, was \$200,000 more than Ford would pay the government.

DEFENDS HENRY FORD

"The government invited Ford to make this offer," asserted the witness. "You will have to take it or leave it at its face value."

The engineer then explained that the horsepower referred to by Miller would not be sold under Ford's plan, but would be used to cheapen the price of materials to be manufactured at the plant.

Representative Quinn, Democrat, Mississippi, attacked committee members, who, he said, had attempted to read things into Ford's contract that plainly weren't there.

"We have great respect for Ford in our country," Quinn continued. "We call him 'Uncle Henry,' and we believe it will give us cheap fertilizer, just like he has given us automobiles to signify

Irish Revolt, Civil War Feared

SPECIAL TAX FOR BONUS IS OPPOSED BY BY HARDING

By Associated Press
WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—President Harding is unalterably opposed to the enactment of the special taxes suggested to finance the soldier bonus or to the return to taxes which have been repealed, it was stated officially today at the White House.

It also was indicated that the executive was very much in doubt if it would be possible to raise the required sum to finance the cash feature of the bonus under an issue of bonds without appreciably advancing interest rates and destroying the financial tranquility which is sought.

FAVORS BONUS

The President, it was said, was disposed to be favorable to the bonus, but his attitude had to be that of finding safe and feasible conditions for the fulfillment of promises made on one hand without disturbing the desired return to financial stability.

It was stated that Harding's attitude on the bonus question would be made clear to Congress in a communication expected to be sent to the Senate and House subcommittee dealing with the bonus subject. Whether this letter would go forward today was not disclosed.

WASHINGTON GOT BONUS

Statements that George Washington and General Lafayette received bonuses from Congress were made in the Senate today by Senator Watson, Democrat, Georgia, in support of the bonus legislation.

Senator Watson said he deplored the effort to "black out" the word bonus," and added:

"Washington took his bonus from the French and Indian wars and so did all of his soldiers in grants of land. Washington too, got his bonus for service in the Revolutionary war."

Senator Watson said that Congress granted Lafayette a bonus of \$200,000 cash and 20,000 acres of land in Florida.

Georgia senator declared it would be unfair to give those who served in the A. E. F. the same bonus as those who stayed at home. He asserted he would not vote for a bonus if it had to come through a sales tax, a tax on gasoline or a 2 cent postage rate, and supported the proposal of Senator Simmons, Democrat, North Carolina, to pay it out of the foreign debt.

The position of the President was explained at the White House while the Senate was in the midst of a discussion of the bonus question and while Senator King, Democrat, Utah, was charging that Republican leaders in Congress had put the whole bonus matter up to the President.

G. O. P. ASSAILED

"Not long ago," said Senator King, "the Republicans were denouncing the Democrats for subservience to President Wilson. It was charged that we were rubber stamps when the President submitted the Versailles treaty. We are not rubber stamps but heroes now when we are told to stand still until President Harding signs."

Harding Has Big Head: Mrs. Asquith Size Surprises English Lecturer Gets Original Copy of Arms Speech

By DAVID LAWRENCE
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WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—Margot Asquith thinks President Harding has a "big head."

She told the correspondents that after spending twenty minutes with the nation's chief executive, "Why, he has a head almost as big as a five of us," she said, with pardonable exaggeration, "and he is so truthful."

The wife of a former premier of Great Britain doesn't always break into the schedule of engagements at the White House and while Mrs. Asquith is in the United States on a lecture tour the proceeds of which are divided between her and an American book agent, nevertheless her visit to the executive offices drew the photog-

Snow Trapped Ranger Safe, Rescuers Lost

Lost in the Angeles forest in Southern California, Ranger Roger Bodine was missing for two days in the last big storm, according to word received today by I. A. Barrett, assistant forester, and four men, sent out on snowshoes to rescue him, had not been heard from at last accounts.

News concerning Bodine's plight and that of the rescuing party comes from H. H. Charlton, supervisor of the Angeles forest.

Bodine, leading some pack animals, kept on going through blinding snow until he reached the Imperial Valley and telephoned he was safe.

The rescuers were not familiar with the use of snowshoes and it was feared that they had not fared as well as the man they started out to save.

From the Modoc national forest today word was received that the worst storm in years had struck.

Bids for Capitol Extension Opened

Special Dispatch to The Call
SACRAMENTO, Feb. 14.—Bids for the construction of the \$2,000,000 capitol extension, buildings on the two blocks facing the state capitol are being opened this afternoon in the office of State Architect McDougall.

and here she exhibited the printed copy of the speech, nicely photographed and dated in Harding's own handwriting, and thrust it back into her muff for safe keeping.

"Wasn't that perfectly sweet of him?" she exclaimed as she submitted to more questions from the reporters.

"What did you talk about?"

"Well, international politics and such things."

"Did you talk about the League of Nations?"

"There was a pause. Her husband is one of the leaders in the pro-league movement in Europe."

"Not exactly, but—er—" she started to reply.

"Was it the association of nations?"

DUBLIN PLOT EXPOSED; 18 KILLED IN BELFAST

BELFAST, Feb. 14 (By the Associated Press).—Sulphurs condensed their grim work in the disturbed sections of Belfast this morning and by midday the death toll since Saturday had been increased to eighteen by the deaths of two men who were victims of flying bullets in the streets during the noon hour. The number of wounded at the same hour had reached the total of approximately fifty.

A large body of troops appeared in the Belfast streets late this afternoon.

NEWS DOWN TO THE LAST MINUTE

GIANT DIRIGIBLE COMING TO S. F.

By Associated Press
WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—A transcontinental flight by the 600 foot dirigible Roma via the south end of the Rocky Mountains to San Francisco is contemplated by army air service officials, they announced today.

FINN MINISTER SLAIN

HELSINGFORS, Finland, Feb. 14 (By the Associated Press).—M. Ritavuori, Finnish minister of the interior, was shot three times as he was alighting from his motor car outside his residence here today. He died while being taken to a hospital. The alleged assassin, Ernst Tanderfelt, was arrested.

WEST POINT GENERAL TO WED

By Associated Press
PALM BEACH, Fla., Feb. 14.—General Douglas MacArthur, commandant of the West Point Military Academy, will be married to Mrs. Louise Cromwell Brooks of Washington, D. C., here today.

MEXICO REVOLT LEADER SHOT

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 14 (By Associated Press).—General Antonio Bruma, former commander of federal troops in the state of Chihuahua, was shot by a firing squad this morning for rebellion.

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PRETTY MARIE PREVOST ADDS HER VOICE IN DEFENSE OF HOLLYWOOD FILM MORALS

Marie Prevost, beauty of the silver screen, photographed today by The Call cameraman on return to home city.



Movie Star Tells What Actor Folks Do by Way of Diversion and Hard Work.

32 KILLED BY RIOTERS IN CAPITAL OF ULSTER

LONDON, Feb. 15 (By the Associated Press).—Michael Collins, head of the Irish provisional government, has obtained the release of fifteen of the Ulster Unionists recently released. It was announced in the House of Commons today by Winston Churchill, secretary for the colonies.

BELFAST, Feb. 15 (By the Associated Press).—Violent fighting in which a special constable was killed, broke out here late today following a full of several hours. The fighting centered in St. John's street. Soldiers were rushed to the scene and charged "meat" of snipers with fixed bayonets. The killing of the special constable brought the fatalities up to thirty-two in five days in this city and suburbs.

Five men were shot to death between midnight and 11 o'clock this morning. Two were killed in the Bloomsbury district and one in Springfield avenue. All evidently had been shot by snipers. A number of others were wounded.

Breakfast passed through a wild night of terror with sniping and bombing in many of the streets.

Hundreds of civilians have barricaded their homes and are afraid to venture outside the doors.

Large forces of soldiers and police are patrolling the streets.

At midnight a man was found dead in one of the bullet swept streets. He had been shot to death and then his head had been beaten to a pulp.

Yankees Flock For Glimpse of Royal Bride

LONDON, Feb. 15.—American society folk, mostly women, have begun to arrive here for the marriage of Princess Mary, daughter of King George and Queen Mary, and Viscount Lascelles on February 23.

Although not invited, the Americans are planning to get a glimpse of the royal bride as she rides to and from Westminster Abbey from windows and roofs of buildings. Fabulous sums are being paid for roof and window space by Americans.

At the expressed request of the princess, all the school children in London will get a holiday on her wedding day.

Leader of 'Drys,' Mrs. Asquith in Prohibition Clash

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—Margaret Asquith, wife of former Premier Asquith of England, and author of "Margaret's Diary," has succeeded in getting a "rise" from one person since her arrival in the national capital. An expectant public is rejoicing, having anticipated some one's taking issue with Margaret's denunciations.

Wayne R. Wheeler, general counsel of the Anti-Saloon League, "hit" for Margaret's categorical "thumbs down" remarks against prohibition in America and today issued a statement which read in part:

"If Mrs. Asquith knows as little about other subjects which she discusses as she does about prohibition, her lectures in this country will be a failure. People who live in glass houses should not throw stones. Convictions for drunkenness in England increased 65 per cent while in the United States they decreased over 60 per cent last year."

"This statement was prompted by Margaret's assertions that Americans are not free; they have no liberty."

"You exclude drinking," said Margaret. "You have included light wines and beer in the prohibition and yet you do not enforce your laws which make your prohibition worse than no prohibition at all."

"Large forces of soldiers and police are patrolling the streets."

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A workman who had been fatally wounded while repairing street car lines died in the hospital.

HAGUE COURT OF LEAGUE OPENED BY NATIONS

THE HAGUE, Feb. 15.—The Peace Palace, which copies during the war labeled "closed owing to bankruptcy," was the scene today of the inaugural session of the permanent court of international justice, the cornerstone of the League of Nations.

The event was hailed by adherents of pacifist ideals as a new milestone in the evolutionary progress of the world toward peace, or, in the words of Lord Curzon, "the beginning of a new era of peace and concord among nations."

The first meeting was held in the great Hall of Justice, a chapel-like chamber, the carved oaken walls of which have not yet assumed the dark tints of age, but the appointments of which combine to give the appropriate atmosphere of judicial solemnity.

The representative of the United States is John Bassett Moore, and the others present in the League for the meeting are: The president, or chief of justice, Bernard Cornelius Johannes Loder, Holland; Dr. Rafael Altamira, Greece; Spain; Commandatore Dionisio Anselmi, Italy; Viscount Robert Bunsen, Great Britain; Dr. Max Huber, Switzerland; Dr. Erik Nyholm, Denmark; Dr. Toroku Oda, Japan; and Dr. Andre Weiss, France. The other two judges, Dr. Rup Barboza of Brazil and Dr. Antonio S. Bustamante of Cuba, were unable to come to the Hague.

Three of the deputy judges are here: P. V. N. Belchmann of Norway, Demetrio Negulesco of Rumania and Michael Vovonovich of Yugoslavia. Dr. Wang Chung-hui of China being absent.

The judges and deputy judges have at their disposal the panels of technical assessors to advise them on points arising in labor and transit questions. There are no Americans on either panel.

Congratulatory telegrams were flowing in today. Among them was one from Foreign Minister Uchida of Japan, saying:

"This surely is a great step toward the relations of the ideal of universal peace and justice, which yields to none in its love of peace and justice, rejoices profoundly. Therefore, I have the honor to express in the name of the Japanese government my sincere wishes for the development of the new institution."

Cliff Durant to
Bail \$348 Aatos

"Cliff" Durant, millionaire auto manufacturer, is to meet Henry Ford on his own ground.

Mabel Normand Again Ill; Friends Are Worried

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 15.—Mabel Normand, film star, whose name has been linked with the probe of the William Desmond Taylor murder, was reported today to be seriously ill. The cough which developed following her friends' anxiety, it was stated. She has been unable to enjoy any degree of sedation at her home, where a trained nurse watched over her, because of the interruptions continually of persons seeking a sight of the star.

Movie Vigilants To Purge Film Colony of Evil

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 15.—Figuratively baring its teeth for battle, movieiland has officially come to life, made an issue of the murder of William Desmond Taylor and will fight before the eyes of the world for its industry.

Few people on the outside realize the depth which the blow of the murder has penetrated—not into the morals of Hollywood, but the pocketbooks of the producers. And fewer realize the significance of the statement last night of Adolph Zukor, president of the motion picture corporation which employed Taylor and the sensation it caused in both Los Angeles and Hollywood today.

Every day of publicity has brought nearer the realization that the shot that killed Bill Taylor also seriously wounded certain film interests.

Zukor's statement is taken here as indicative that movie chiefs have come to realize that they must recognize and by boldly doing so and recommending the organization of a vigilant committee can gain more public confidence than ever.

IS LOLD STROKE

Furthermore, the offer by Zukor of an additional \$100,000 reward, swelling the total to \$150,000 for the arrest and conviction of the player of Taylor, shows that the big chiefs of the industry want the mystery solved, no matter where or when it strikes.

It is a situation which calls for a bold stroke, and motivated by almost a touch of genius, the film heads have struck boldly.

The Zukor offer answers a good deal of speculation upon the subject of a possible reward. It is believed to be within the possibilities that some person able to furnish material facts may be waiting for the total of rewards to be increased.

The arrival of the two special investigators imported from Chicago by private interests to work independently of police and the district attorney, as exclusively announced in Monday's

POLICE USE SWEETHEART AS LURE IN DEATH HUNT

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 15.—With the aid of a girl who was his sweetheart in Los Angeles, detectives have set a trap for Edward F. Sands, former viceroy-secretary of William D. Taylor, murdered film director, sought as a suspect and informant, which may put them on his trail is expected at any hour, it was learned today.

In an effort to locate Sands and draw him into communications with her, the girl, whose name is withheld at the request of authorities, and who is working in co-operation with them, has written to every point where the believed Sands may have gone into hiding.

A "hot tip" which the investigators said appeared to be the most definite bit of information received since the start of District Attorney Thomas Lee Woolwine's investigation of the case, was being checked today, it was learned. The detectives said that if the information proved authentic it may provide a "real lead" and lead to solving the mystery.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 15.—The search for clues to the murderer of William Desmond Taylor, film director, went on today, with a questioning of William Davis, chauffeur for Mabel Normand, screen actress, scheduled for this morning.

Sheriff's deputies, who cling to the belief that Edward F. Sands, missing former secretary-butler to Taylor "had nothing to do with the case," were understood to have obtained some information which made it desirable to have Davis questioned again by the district attorney. It was understood the additional information did not tend to involve Davis.

The chauffeur has previously corroborated the statement of Miss Normand, who was one of the last to see Taylor alive, that the director accompanied her to her automobile when she left his apartments shortly before he was slain.

MACK BENNETT AIDS

Mack Bennett, film producer and manager for Miss Normand, has been questioned by a representative of the district attorney in the hope he might be able to give some information leading to a clue, but without result, it is announced. Bennett said he would be glad to aid the authorities in every way.

Rewards totaling \$4500 have been

S. F. MAN SHOT IN DENVER; PROBE ON

DENVER, Feb. 15.—Police today were conducting an investigation of the circumstances surrounding the death of Robert E. Ward, 28 years old, son of R. Ward, of 1229 Steiner street, San Francisco, who was found dead with a bullet hole in his head at a hotel here last night.

Mrs. R. Blatcher, proprietor of the hotel, told police she heard a shot and found Ward dead on the floor of his room. A pistol, said by police to belong to Mrs. Blatcher, was lying beside him.

Deputy Coroner George Roswick announced today he was not satisfied that Ward's death was a suicide case. Arrangements for the inquest are being held, pending results of the police probe.

Ward was employed as a clerk by the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad.

RICKENBACKER IN FLIGHT TO S. F.

OMAHA, Neb., Feb. 15.—Eddie Rickenbacker, American flying ace in the world war, left here this morning as a prisoner in an airplane in an effort to reach San Francisco in time to deliver an address there tomorrow night.

WANTED

The following positions are vacant—see WANT AD section of THE CALL:

NEWS DOWN TO THE LAST MINUTE

SAN FRANCISCO ATTORNEY DIES

Joseph O'Rourke, well known local attorney, died today following an operation in a local hospital.

OROVILLE POSTMASTER NAMED

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—Postmasters nominated today include John Z. Shelton, Oroville, Cal.

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S. F. SMUGGLER TRAP

Rickard Indicted in Girl Case

NOTE SPORT FIGURE IN COURT ON CHARGES

PROMOTER AND GIRL ACCUSER

Alice Ruck, one of the girls appearing against "Tex" Rickard, is shown in the "INTERNATIONAL" photo on way to court in matron's custody. A portrait of Rickard is also shown.



By International News Service.
NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—"Tex" Rickard, most spectacular promoter the world of sports has known, who thought in millions and whose every move was crowned with success, appeared before the criminal branch of the Supreme Court this afternoon and pleaded not guilty to statutory charges. He was accompanied to court by his counsel, Max D. Stewart and Hyman Bushel, and by several friends. "I won't say anything at this time," Rickard said. "I will make my answer at the proper time."

The charges were brought by the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, on behalf of two 15-year-old girls, Sarah Schoenfeld and Alice Ruck. "Do you intend resigning?" he was asked. The promoter refused to answer. The returning of indictments preceded his appearance in court by less than an hour.

GIRLS TELL OF VISIT
The offenses are alleged to have taken place in a rooming house in West Forty-seventh street. Both girls testified they had visited an apartment there with Rickard and that they had met him at various times in Madison Square Garden. The Ruck girl admitted having visited him in the tower of the Garden, where the promoter maintains an apartment. The stories of the two girls were supported by testimony of Anna Iles, an 11-year-old child, who said she had visited Madison Square Garden swimming pool many times and met Rickard there. She also testified to having seen the Ruck girl and Rickard together in the tower apartment.

Mrs. Ringling, Guests Hurt in Yacht Blast
By Associated Press.
TAMPA, Fla., Feb. 15.—Mrs. John Ringling, wife of the millionaire circus magnate, and five of Ringling's guests were slightly injured in an explosion last night aboard the Ringling yacht in the Gulf of Mexico, Fla., according to advices received here today.

KILLED BY AUTO
By Associated Press.
FRESNO, Feb. 15.—James P. Rockwell, 46 years old, California Association of Automobile Engineers, was instantly killed here last night when he was struck down by an automobile.

SLAYER WHEELED INTO DEATH CELL

By Associated Press.
CHICAGO, Feb. 15.—Harvey Church was wheeled to the death cell in the county jail on a stretcher today to spend the last twenty-four hours before going to the gallows tomorrow to pay with his life for the death of two men he brutally murdered in order to obtain an automobile. Church, who has been forced to lie through a tube for several days since going on a hunger strike, fought "viciously" as his guards wheeled him down the corridors. It is planned to wheel him to the gallows and strap him in a chair on the trap.

RICKENBACKER IN PLANE DUE TODAY

By Associated Press.
SALT LAKE CITY, Feb. 15.—Eddie Rickenbacker, American ace traveling from the East, "took off" in an air mail plane for San Francisco at 7:15 o'clock this morning. He said he hoped to reach the Pacific Coast this afternoon in time to attend a dinner at which he will be the honor guest tonight.

Woman Mayor to Seek Congress Seat
By Associated Press.
ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., Feb. 15.—Mrs. A. K. Giant, mayor of St. Peter, announced today she would seek the Democratic nomination for Congress from the third Minnesota district. Mrs. Giant was the first woman mayor in Minnesota.

RUSS PRINCESS DIES
By Associated Press.
NICE, France, Feb. 15.—Princess Tzarevna, the morganatic widow of Emperor Alexander II of Russia, is dead. Alexander II was killed by a bombist in 1881.

GIRL AUTOIST IN FLIGHT TO S. F. HUNTED IN MURDER

By ELLIS H. MARTIN
Special Correspondent International News.
LOS ANGELES, Feb. 15.—While detectives searched the files of telegraph companies for messages received or sent by William Desmond Taylor, slain film director, during the weeks preceding his death in hopes of finding a clue to his murder and the motive behind the mystery, other investigators checked the story of a Ventura garage man who told of a beautiful young woman, wrapped in an evening cloak and bareheaded, who drove through Ventura at a dizzy rate of speed at 10 o'clock the morning after William Desmond Taylor was murdered. The garage man said he supplied her machine with gasoline and oil. Her destination is believed to have been San Francisco.

IN EVENING DRESS
"She was in evening dress and wore a cloak," the man said. "I saw her machine before she reached my garage and she was driving at a terrible speed. As she stopped I noticed that her face was drawn and pale and that her hair had been blown down by the force of the wind as she drove. 'Give me all the gasoline and oil my car will take,' she said. 'While I was filling the tank I noticed she bit at her white gloves with her teeth and showed other signs of restlessness and anxiety to be on her way. She paid me with a bill and drove off without waiting to receive her change.' The man furnished the license number of the car as he remembered it and described the machine and the woman in close detail. Officers were detailed at once to look for the car.

OTHER ACTIVITIES
Probable questioning of Mabel Normand. Investigation of an unverified report that a threatening letter was found among the effects of William D. Taylor. Intensive search for several thousand dollars' worth of oil stock and a considerable amount of cash belonging to the Taylor estate still missing. Continuation of a secret quiz of a score of film personages in the hope that the collated information secured from all may shed light on the murder.

These were additional activities under way today as officials endeavored to pierce the curtain of mystery surrounding the slaying of the famous film director.

MISS NORMAND KILL
Requesting of Miss Normand was to be deferred until she has recovered from her illness which is causing her friends much concern. She is to be questioned this time by representatives of the sheriff's office who desire to clear up a number of points raised through retelling by William Davis, Miss Normand's chauffeur, of events on the trap.

Doug Puts 'Soft Pedal' on Mary's Talk on Taylor

By International News Service.
NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—Mary Pickford and Douglas Fairbanks are in town from California for a few days' stay. "What's the Taylor case going to do to the movies?" they were asked. "Let me not," Mary said. "We don't know anything at all about this affair. You see, we live in Beverly Hills and that's seven miles from Hollywood." Mary is in town to answer the long drawn out suit brought against her again by a booking agent, who claims fees due him for setting Mary theatrical engagements years ago.

Man Who Killed Taylor Believed Still in Film Land

By HERB WESTEN
Staff Correspondent of The Call.
LOS ANGELES, Feb. 15.—The person who on the night of February 1 caused the shooting and killing of William Desmond Taylor is still in movie land. Within a few miles of the district attorney's office this individual who has electrified a nation by staging what is being termed the "greatest mystery murder of the age," eats and sleeps, darning not to vary life routine in the face of what has developed into one of the most drastic investigations ever carried on in Los Angeles County.

After two weeks of intensive probing, during which every possible angle has come under closest scrutiny, investigators today are reaching this sensational conclusion. And, according to information which has been forthcoming, this marks the first concrete starting point from which a solution to this case can be arrived at. The "perfect crime" it has been called, and during a fortnight this dream of fiction writers and butt of criminals' ridicule has become a thing of grim fact—baffling, sinister, fascinating, inexplicable.

IN CLASH BY ITSELF
For downright mystery this case is in a class by itself. Behind the smile of District Attorney Woolwine is believed to lie knowledge of the key to the puzzle, and the belief grows that when an arrest is made it will be no obscure personage who new William D. Taylor. The theories of blackmail, robbery and dope parties have been discarded in favor of a definite working basis derived from sensational evidence reported to have been gathered by the district attorney. Standing alone today is the one theory.

WANTED

The following positions are vacant—see WANT AD. section of THE CALL:
1. Elliott-Fisher biller
1. Bkpr-cashier
1. Cost clerk
1. Underwood bkpr.
1. English and French stenog.
1. Girl, light housework
1. Dietician
10. Live salesmen
1. Multigraph opr.
8. Young women
12. Stenographers
18. Solicitors
2. Neat girls

SALES TAX IS FAVORED TO RAISE FUND FOR 'VETS'

By International News Service.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—President Harding favors the imposition of a sales tax to provide a soldiers' bonus. The administration's decision was made known to Congress in a letter to Representative Fordney, Republican of Michigan, chairman of the House ways and means committee. In his letter the President said that if the sales tax could not be enacted to finance cash payments to veterans of the world war that the bonus bill should be postponed. "Let me repeat," the President said, "that I believe the American people will accept the levy of a general sales tax to meet the proposed bonus payment."

WOULDED ASK AID
By Associated Press.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—A committee of disabled former service men and service men now in the hospital at Walter Reed Hospital called on President Harding today and left with him a petition asking postponement of the bonus legislation until Congress enacts legislation satisfying the disabled soldiers' demands as to insurance compensation.

AKES CASH BONUS BAN
By Associated Press.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—Senator Calder of New York, a Republican member of the Senate Finance Committee, issued a statement commending President Harding's stand and declaring that all proposals for a cash bonus should be abandoned. "In the present state of the nation's finances," said Senator Calder, "it would be a mistake to pay a cash bonus."

U. S. Border Troops Held for Emergency

By Associated Press.
EL PASO, Tex., Feb. 15.—Five thousand troops at Fort Bliss were being held today ready for any emergency which might arise along the border. They were mobilized last night when rumors were scattered in Juarez, Mexico, that a revolution was being held today ready for any emergency which might arise along the border. Juarez military and civilian officials strenuously denied each report, but admitted they are aware that revolutionaries are trying to recruit men in Chihuahua.

U. S. Rhine Force Cat 3203 by Order

By Associated Press.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—An immediate further reduction of 203 officers and 3000 men in the American force in Germany was announced today by the War Department. There will be remaining in Germany after this reduction a total of 166 officers and 3217 men.

Harding's Letter Gives Views on Soldier Bonus

By International News Service.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—The text of President Harding's letter follows: In accordance with the promise to yourself and your associates on the Senate and House committees, charged with the responsibility of formulating the proposed bonus legislation, I have carefully looked into the program of taxation which has been suggested. In addition thereto I have made inquiry into the feasibility of levying either short term treasury notes or long term bonds to meet the financial obligations which the proposed legislation will impose. It is not possible to commend to you either of the plans suggested. **UBRES SALES TAX** It continues to be my best judgment that any compensation legislation enacted at this time ought to carry with it the provision for raising the needed revenues, and I find myself unable to suggest any commendable plan other than that of a general sales tax. Such a tax will distribute the cost of rewarding the ex-servicemen in such a manner that it will be borne by all the people whom they served, and does not commit the government to class composition of taxes or the resumption of the burden, repeated, the maintenance of which can be justified only by a great war emergency. It is fully realized how great is the difficulty which confronts the Congress in solving this difficult problem. I am aware of the strong sentiment in Congress in favor of this adjusted

BOOZE-AUTO THEFT RING BARED BY ARREST

In the arrest here today of Charles Maddox, alias Mason, said to be an ex-convict, department of justice agents believe they have nabbed the head of a bootlegging organization which during the past two years has flooded the state with liquor smuggled over the Canadian and Mexican borders in stolen automobiles. The arrest of three accomplices is expected in Los Angeles. Maddox has made a partial confession, it was stated. Maddox was taken into custody at the Staller Hotel, 124 Mills street, by S. J. Adams, working under Fred Esola, local chief of the Department of Justice. He was stopping at the hotel with his wife and child. Maddox, who is said to have "served time" in a Washington penitentiary under the name of Mason, was lodged in the county jail pending a hearing before Commissioner Thomas E. Hayden. Maddox and his confederates, according to government agents, have stolen scores of automobiles in Los

NEWS DOWN TO THE LAST MINUTE

MRS. HOTALING SUED FOR \$160,708
Mrs. Lavinia J. Hotaling today was sued for \$160,708.70 by J. Sherriffs, said to represent the Hotaling estate. Plaintiffs declare that the money sought to be recovered was advanced by the estate to Mrs. Hotaling and has not been restored. Coincident with the filing of the suit an attachment was levied against stock owned by Mrs. Hotaling and recently won by her in a suit she won against her son, Richard. The stock is valued at over a million.

WOMAN SLEUTH IN TAYLOR QUIZ

By International News Service.
CHICAGO, Feb. 16.—Mrs. Margaret Snyder, employed by a private detective agency here, was summoned to the office of State's Attorney Crowe today for questioning in connection with the death of William Desmond Taylor at Los Angeles. The action was taken on the telegraphed request of District Attorney Woolwine of Los Angeles. Woolwine's telegram indicated a belief that Mrs. Snyder might have knowledge that Taylor was killed by black-mailers.

compensation, I have spoken approvingly myself, always with the reservation that the bestowal shall be made when it may be done without such injury to the country as will nullify the benefits to the ex-servicemen themselves which this expression of gratitude is designed to bestow.

HINTS AT POSTPONEMENT
It is not an agreeable thing to suggest that action be postponed again, but frankly I do not find myself favorable to the piece-meal payment plan, which is manifestly designed to avoid embarrassment to the treasury. The long drawn out payments will not afford an effective helplessness to the service men. We have no serious problem in beginning the allotments of public lands and the immediate issue of paid-up land.

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TAYLOR COIN STOLEN BY MURDERER, THEORY

By Associated Press.
LOS ANGELES, Feb. 17.—Intelligence of persistent reports that William Desmond Taylor, motion picture director, had a large sum of money in his clothing when he was shot to death on the night of February 1, which has not been accounted for, occupied the attention of the sheriff's deputies assigned to the case today. Investigators attached to the district attorney's office also declared they had "no means discarded the robbery theory."

Deputy Sheriff Frank Deane said there had been some "discrepancies" in statements made to his office, and that at least one man previously questioned would be brought back to attempt to clear these up.

By ELLIS H. MARTIN
Staff Correspondent International News
LOS ANGELES, Feb. 17.—Believing that a connected history of his life may prove an effective means of solving the mystery of his death, investigators of the murder of William Desmond Taylor, famous motion picture director, today set about the task of compiling an account of his life activities, starting with his birth, at Cappoquin, Ireland. In data now in hand there are many breaks, confusing stories and total lack of information as to some periods. But the authorities hope by painstaking work and word wide investigation to supply the missing facts and check those already known.

A possible new clue was discovered today when a Los Angeles pawnbroker reported that he sold a revolver of the same caliber as that used in the murder to a man who acted suspiciously, a week before Taylor was killed.

The name and address given by the man when he purchased the gun were furnished detectives by the pawnbroker and efforts were made to trace him immediately.

Meanwhile there continued minute checking and rechecking of all the testimony in the case so far gathered. Today deputy sheriffs were engaged in investigating an apparent discrepancy which arose from statements of William Davis chauffeur for Mabel Normand, and George F. Arto, mechanic, were compared.

STORIES CONFLICT
Davis drove Miss Normand's car to the Taylor home the evening of the tragedy and waited outside until Taylor escorted Miss Normand to the car. He has been questioned three times briefly. Davis told of having had a brief conversation with Henry Peavey, Taylor's negro servant, as he sat in the car.

Who says he passed by the Taylor home that evening. He said he saw a third man—a stranger—talking to Peavey and Davis.

Davis, when questioned again last night, denied the presence of the third man. Peavey probably will be questioned again on this point.

It became known today that Charles Jones, former chief of police, who has been active in assisting District Attorney Woolwine in the investigation, has been visited by motion picture interests to aid in the solution of the mystery. It was reported that Mack Sennett, famous producer, who left today for New York, had been one of those in the industry who urged action.

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Bootleg War in Kentucky Cuts Moonshine Price

By Associated Press.
LOUISVILLE, Ky., Feb. 17.—Tumbling prices for moonshine whisky has resulted in a war between big business and the ordinary bootlegger here, according to Edward Wetz, prohibition agent.

The "business man" has entered the field, Wetz said, with quantity production and low prices. He is being fought by the small operator whose chief weapon is the law, and who is seeking to maintain high prices by furnishing "tips about large stills to prohibition officers."

Business jealousy, Wetz declared, "causes more raids than the detective ability of the officers."

Moonshine is selling here at about \$4 a gallon, the agent said.

Taylor Murder 16 Day Wonder, Chapter Missing

By HERR WESTEN
Staff Correspondent of The Call
LOS ANGELES, Feb. 17.—That sixteen day wonder—the great Taylor murder mystery—continued today as the nation's best seller. As a serial story it is unequalled in fact or fiction. The public is now primed for the dramatic climax. But somehow in this crazy scheme of things the notes for the final chapters are missing. The author has misplaced one of his characters—the murderer of William Desmond Taylor.

Technically the search is on and in the meanwhile the serial runs on much like the old fable of "Then there came another grasshopper and another grasshopper" and so on ad infinitum.

Two things are believed to have been unofficially established today: That District Attorney Thomas Woolwine holds the key to the mystery that has puzzled scores of investigators for sixteen days and that the slayer of Taylor, prompted by jealousy, is prominent in movieland.

WOOLWINE SILENT
But Woolwine is not talking other than to indicate that what he knows is not conclusive enough to warrant an arrest.

An intensive survey of the investigation reveals, ramifications here that may never be brought to light. It is said.

From confidential sources one story of the shooting of Taylor has been learned, but this is without verification and so close was the getaway of the slayer that the work of collecting evidence presents an almost unsurmountable obstacle.

WITNESSES QUIZZED
Meanwhile the probe continues with various witnesses being recalled for additional checking up of testimony with the district attorney.

The rehearing of the story of Mabel Normand was given, all of which was pertinent to the main plot of the crime thought to have been worked out by the district attorney's office.

Newspapers here last night were busy running down reports that Mabel Normand was dying, all of which proved the work of troublemakers.

Thus another day in the investigation passes with only the hopeful appendix to another serial installment of "more tomorrow."

Girl Causes Arrest of Man Barred as Hero

By Associated Press.
CHICAGO, Feb. 17.—Donald Campbell, believed by his wife to have been buried with military honors last Labor Day, a few days after the caasket said to contain his body arrived from France, was charged today with a general court martial board at Fort Sheridan today on a grave charge. A girl friend recently told Mrs. Campbell that she had met "the most wonderful man." A little later Mrs. Campbell discovered that it was her husband. Examination disclosed that the body sent from France was not that of Campbell.

L. A. Realty Envoys Welcomed to S. F.

INTER-CITY FRIENDSHIP FOSTERED AT REUNIONS

By WILLIAM R. COLLIER
"Inter-City Friendship" is the slogan of a big delegation of Los Angeles realtors who arrived here today as weekend guests of the San Francisco Real Estate Board.

It is the second reunion and the third joint gathering of representatives of the real estate boards of Los Angeles and San Francisco.

"For once, in our sublime modesty and widely known humility," said Frank Ryan, president of the Los Angeles board and leader of the visiting delegation, "we are here to boost for their achievement."

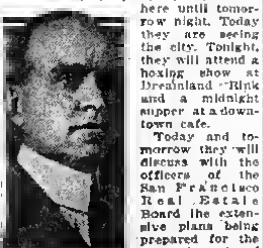
The guests, noted for their real estate world, will remain here until tomorrow night. Today they are seeing the city. Tonight they will attend a boxing show at Drexel Hall. Tomorrow they are seeing the city. Tonight they will attend a boxing show at Drexel Hall. Tomorrow they are seeing the city.



Leslie Burks

"We are not from Los Angeles, we are from California," said Ryan.

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Duncan McDuffie

The National Association of Real Estate Boards will open at the Exposition Auditorium in San Francisco the first week of June.

The visitors were greeted by Robert Coldwell, president; Leslie Burks, secretary, and H. F. Ramonetti, chairman of the entertainment committee of the San Francisco board.

The feeling of bitter rivalry between San Francisco and Los Angeles in real estate has been disappearing, according to President Ryan of the southern city.

"The two real estate boards have started a custom that is bound to be far reaching in its effects," said Ryan.

"What the real estate boards have done, other organizations are going to do."

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Patient Breaks Straps, Leaps 3 Stories to Death

James O'Donnell, a pneumonia patient, today while delicious broke straps that held him to his cot in the new Isolation Hospital and leaped from a third story window. He died shortly afterward, either from the effects of the fall or from pneumonia, for which he was under treatment.

He was in a cubicle in a ward holding other patients, and the window from which he jumped faced the San Francisco Hospital's wards.

The man's plunge was similar to that in several cases during the influenza epidemic of three years ago.

O'Donnell, middle aged, was taken to the hospital a week ago, giving only the address of an aunt at 2322 California street.

Today he became violent in delirium and was checked with difficulty by a nurse. She called help and he was strapped. Later he broke the straps.

O'Donnell landed on a concrete pavement. Dr. E. B. Frick, superintendent of the hospital, said pneumonia, and not the fall's injuries, might have caused death.

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Germany, Russia Plan Economic Pact

BERLIN, Feb. 17 (By the Associated Press).—Direct negotiations between official representatives of the German government and of Soviet Russia which have been going on in Berlin for the past two days, promise early ratification of a working agreement between the two countries, defining the extent of Germany's participation in the economic restoration and repatriation of Russia, it was learned today.

38 Ft. Flag Pole Dug Up, Stolen

By Associated Press.
TAMPA, Fla., Feb. 17.—An unusual theft was reported to the police here when J. Pratt declared thieves had dug up and removed a 38 foot flag pole from his front yard. The pole was so heavy that it is believed a truck was necessary to effect its removal, which occurred during the night.

6 TEETH WORTH \$7500

By Associated Press.
NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—A tooth is worth \$7500 in New York. Judgment has been entered against the city for \$7500 in favor of Miss Mae V. Tracy, Brooklyn, for six teeth, which were knocked out last April when struck by the reliever rope of a trolley pole.

WANTED

The following positions are vacant—see WANT AD section of THE CALL:

- 10 Live salesmen
- 1 Multitasking opr. and typist
- 1 Asst. bkpr. and cashier
- 1 Bkpr. and cost clerk
- 1 Slenog. clerks
- 1 Cashier-bkpr.
- 1 Typist
- 1 Compiometer opr.
- 1 Insurance clerk
- 1 French and English slenog.
- 1 Shoemaker
- 1 Dietician
- 3 Young women
- 11 Stenographers
- 18 Solicitors
- 2 Neat girls

IRISH STATE BILL PASSES BY VOTE OF 302 TO 60

By DAVID M. CHURCH
Staff Correspondent International News
LONDON, Feb. 17.—The Irish Free State act, conferring the powers of the Anglo-Irish treaty upon the provisional government at Dublin, was passed by the House of Commons this afternoon upon second reading. The vote was 302 to 60.

For the bill, 302; against, 60.

This vote automatically rejects amendments to the bill which had been proposed.

The passage of the bill was a big victory for Premier Lloyd George.

The political foes of the premier had made their supreme fight upon the measure and upon the premier's Irish policy. Another Chamberlain, government spokesman in Commons, plainly intimated before the vote was taken that if the bill were defeated the Lloyd George cabinet would resign forthwith.

WORLD TREATIES READ BY SOLONS

By Associated Press.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—While President Harding was preparing to communicate with Secretary Hughes today regarding the Senate request for further information on the four power Pacific treaty, the Senate foreign relations committee completed its preliminary reading of all the arms conference treaties except that relating to Yap and said them aside without action until next week.

No serious opposition arose concerning the general Far Eastern or Chinese tariff pact, but there was considerable discussion of the provisions of the naval limitation treaty fixing a fortifications "status quo" in the Pacific.

Meeting again Monday, the committee is expected to consider the Yap treaty, and perhaps have before it at the same time the President's reply to the resolutions adopted yesterday asking for records of the four power treaty negotiations. President Harding is understood to have taken steps to expedite ratification with Secretary Hughes, who has gone to Bermuda.

SENATOR BACKS BILL

Former Premier Asquith vigorously supported the bill, saying the boundary question was an integral part of the treaty and that it would be impossible to escape the charge of gross bad faith if there were any repudiation.

Lloyd George, interrupting an attack on the government by Thomas Moles, Unionist member for the Ormeau division of Belfast, contradicted the Ulster member's assertion that the government had assured Sir James Craig that the boundary adjustment would be of a minor character while promising Michael Collins extensive changes.

"Clair demands a straight deal," Asquith said. "If a breach is made in the wall surrounding the Ulster area and invasion is attempted we will stand in the breach and defend it or fill it with our dead bodies."

Speaking for labor members, J. H. Thomas asserted that the chief difficulty confronting Collins and Arthur Griffith was not the followers of De Valera, but the advocates of a Soviet republic.

Active evacuation of British troops from Ireland has been resumed, said a dispatch from Cork this evening.

Disorders were reported in the vicinity of Cork and a British lieutenant named Jellicoe was said to have been killed.

COLLINS IS HOPEFUL
By International News Service.
DUBLIN, Feb. 17.—Prospects for an Irish settlement are brighter than at any time since the Ulster border raids, it was declared today by Michael Collins, the outstanding figure in the pro-Irish cause.

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Innocent, 11 Years in Prison, Freed Governor Pardons Boy He Defended

Admitted Murder Fearing "My Poor Defense as Lawyer Sent Lad to Jail," He Says

By Associated Press.
MADISON, Wis., Feb. 17.—John A. Johnson was released from the state prison today after serving ten years and six months of a life sentence for the murder here in 1911 of 7 year old Anna Lemberger, a crime which Governor J. J. Blaine is convinced Johnson did not commit.

Six months' investigation into the probable circumstances surrounding the crime, to which Johnson pleaded guilty and for which Martin Lemberger, father of the girl, was formally charged with manslaughter on January 5, 1922, brought Governor Blaine to conclude that "there is only one fact that stands out clearly, and that is that Johnson did not murder Anna Lemberger."

The father availed himself of the statute of limitations. He had been accused of killing his daughter with a beer bottle during a drinking party at his home when she failed to obey him as promptly as he wished.

It was after ten years spent in the state prison that Johnson protested his innocence and applied to Governor Blaine for a pardon. He then claimed that his confession had been made because of fear that he would be hanged.

Jones served three years of his sentence, then escaped. He was recaptured during the world war when his name was found among those registering in the selective draft.

"The conviction of Jones has been worrying me all these years," said the acting governor after posting Jones' pardon. "I always was convinced he was innocent. I was a young, inexperienced lawyer at the time and I am convinced it was the poor defense of my client that sent him to the penitentiary."

NEWS DOWN TO THE LAST MINUTE

GRAPE ASSN. EX-HEAD TO SURRENDER
Luigi Dellaira, former president of the California Grape Association, today will surrender himself to federal officials on a batch of secret indictments charging him with the forgery of numerous bills of lading on grape shipments to the East. Dellaira, whose attorney is Joseph Taaffe, was in Italy when he learned of the indictments and hurried back. Taaffe said he understood there were 200 counts.

HUGHES REACHES BERMUDA

HAMILTON (Bermuda, Feb. 17) (By Associated Press). Charles Evans Hughes, American secretary of state, and Mrs. Hughes, arrived at Bermuda today for a visit with their daughter, Miss Elizabeth Hughes, at Honeymoon Cottage.

BANDITS IN \$5000 N. Y. HOLDUP

By International News Service
NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—Automobile bandits shot and seriously wounded Richard Kahr, Pacific Bank messenger, overpowered Joseph P. Himes, a guard, and escaped with \$5000 in cash this afternoon.

\$150,000 Wine Is Destroyed in Fire

By International News Service.
SANTA ROSA, Feb. 17.—A rigid investigation was under way here today to determine the cause of the fire which early this morning destroyed the Albert Gays winery near Sebastopol, seven miles from here.

Several thousand gallons of aged wine, valued at \$150,000, were destroyed.

WATER PROTECTS WELL
By Associated Press.
WHITTIER, Feb. 17.—A barrage of water is being used to protect Bell Well No. 3, a large producer of oil, from the burning "gusher" which developed last Saturday in Bell Well No. 2 on the Union Oil Company's lease at Santa Fe Springs, near here.

BATTLE OVER LEGION AID ON BONUS IN HOUSE

By Associated Press.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—The soldier bonus bill will be reported to a Republican caucus within the next ten days, "and a Republican House will pass it," Chairman Fordney of the ways and means committee declared in the House today.

The House was thrown into an uproar during discussion of the measure after Representative Garner of Texas, ranking Democrat on the committee, had protested against the action of the Republican members in calling in a representative of the American Legion to advise with them at a secret session from which Democrats were excluded.

Representative Mondell, Wyoming, Republican leader, answered Garner and then Chairman Fordney joined the debate.

"The Republican members of the ways and means committee have not thought it proper to call in men unalterably opposed to the bonus for a discussion of that bill," the chairman declared.

"We had before us today an officer of the legion so we could ask him for expert information and he gave it. The bonus bill will be presented to a caucus of House Republicans in ten days and a Republican House will pass it. The Republican caucus will either agree with what we have framed or will direct us how to fix it."

LEGION MEN ADVISERS
In making his attack on the committee, Garner without mentioning the legion, said that the American Legion was not to be a representative of the American Legion to advise with them at a secret session from which Democrats were excluded.

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BOY, AGED 6, DYING OF BOOTLEG BOOZE

ELIMINATES NEAR

MISSING TAXI MAN SOUGHT IN TAYLOR MYSTERY

By ELLIS H. MARTIN
Staff Correspondent of the Call
LOS ANGELES, Feb. 18.—An arrest within a few hours was one of the possibilities today as the investigation of the William Desmond Taylor murder mystery took on fresh impetus, following disclosure of a mass of new and important evidence.

Detectives left police headquarters hurriedly on secret missions following a conference with District Attorney Woolwine at an early hour. It was understood that an arrest hinged on the success of the mission.

By HERB WESTEN
Staff Correspondent of the Call
LOS ANGELES, Feb. 18.—The critical public eye temporarily averted from the "movie" colony here today while investigators probed circumstantial evidence built up by private sleuths around a missing taxi driver suspect in the Taylor murder mystery and the "movie" colony breathed a temporary sigh of relief. On its face the taxi driver clue seems to be the most logical yet made public in the investigation into the death of William D. Taylor, noted director, but despite the chain forged around him local authorities cited several weak links.

The missing man, said to have been familiar with crime, apparently dropped from sight on the day of the murder. He answers the description of the man seen lurking in the vicinity of Taylor's residence on this night.

He also wore a plaid cap, it is said, which somehow he neglected to destroy, leaving it in plain sight in his room. Authorities argue this is weak link No. 3. Three revolver shells declared to be of the same type used in the gun that killed Taylor, were also found. A man taking the precautions that the lawyer evidently did would have disposed of those, local officials claim.

JUDGE K. M. LANDIS TO QUIT FEDERAL BENCH ON MARCH 1 TO RULE BASEBALL LEAGUES

CHICAGO, Feb. 18 (By the Associated Press).—Federal Judge Kenesaw Mountain Landis announced his resignation today.

The resignation is effective March 1. Announcement of it was made formally by the judge today as he took his place in court. He said he would devote his entire time to his position of baseball commissioner.

There are not enough hours in the day for all of my activities," said the judge. "Therefore I have forwarded my resignation as federal judge to Washington, effective March 1."

TOO MUCH WORK

When court adjourned the judge added but little to his one sentence statement regarding his resignation.

"That's all there is to it," said the judge. "There isn't time enough to do everything. I've worked hard. I've been getting up at 5 o'clock in the morning. I've had to go without lunch for two weeks."

Then, too, a fellow is in a bad way when he wants to play in bed in the daytime," added the judge. He declared that was the way he felt now, and he realized that some remedy must be found.

He declined to answer a question as to whether adverse criticism of his holding the position of judge and also that of baseball commissioner caused his resignation.

"Just let my statement stand," he said.

Judge Landis will have virtually completed seventeen years as judge for the northern district of Illinois when his resignation becomes effective. Rumors of the resignation have been current for months. It has been generally understood that Judge Landis would have resigned some time ago but for the attack made on him by Senator Duff of South Carolina and the notoriety brought through his handling of the case of Willie Dalton, 17-year-old bank robber.

SENATOR ATTACKS JUDGE

Senator Duff had attacked the judge because of the latter's statement that bank officials some times were partly responsible for robberies by boys because they did not pay adequate salaries. Senator Duff later brought impeachment proceedings against the judge, the representative basing his case on the fact that two jobs were held by the judge. Both cases were dropped.

Hoteling Files Sensational Charges

IRISH PEACE IMMINENT AS CAPTIVES ARE FREED

LONDON, Feb. 18 (By the Associated Press).—Peace seems for the moment to have again descended over northern Ireland, the release of the remaining kidnapped Unionists, announced yesterday, tending to ease the tension.

Nevertheless, both sides still hold prisoners, and it is understood the south is determined not to release the special constable captured at Clones until the Monaghan football players are freed by the Ulster authorities.

Moreover, there is the question of the four Sinn Feiners held at Rathfriland, charged with "tumultuous assembly," this growing out of disorders in connection with a republican funeral two weeks ago; and also that of the arrest of the three Irish republican army officers at Newry.

Resumption of the British evacuation has not been officially declared, but a number of troops left Dublin yesterday, others left Limerick and some are at Cork stations ready for embarkation.

Regarding reference to the chairmanship of the boundary adjustment commission, provided under the treaty, by J. Austin Chamberlain in the House of Commons yesterday, the Times says the government seeks a neutral whose impartiality and judgment shall be universally recognized. It declares this search is now directed toward Canada and suggests that Sir Robert Borden, Canadian premier, may be asked to accept the place.

Dispatches indicate that last night was the quietest in Belfast for nearly a week. Only two men were shot and wounded.

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Jimmy O'Connell Signs His \$10,000 Seals' Contract

Jimmy O'Connell, young Seal ball player, for whom the New York Giants paid \$15,000 last fall, today signed his contract with the Seals for the 1932 season for a salary said to be \$10,000.

In addition O'Connell was presented with a cash consideration as his "buy-out" of the purchase price, although the San Francisco management would neither deny nor affirm the latter report.

O'Connell met directors of the San Francisco team at the local ball park at 11:30 o'clock. At noon George Putnam, secretary of the club, announced the signing of the young star.

SAM RUTTER WINS POST AS CHIEF OF DRYS

Announcement from Washington by Prohibition Commissioner Haynes of the resignation of E. Forrest Mitchell as prohibition director of California did not come as a surprise today to those who have been watching local prohibition affairs, despite the fact that Mitchell's denial to authentic reports of his resignation have been vehement.

Mitchell continued to be silent today. At his office it was said he might make a statement later.

The story of Mitchell's forthcoming resignation was published in The Call exclusively a month ago.

Washington advices today state that Samuel F. Rutter has been agreed upon as Mitchell's successor following a series of conferences between Commissioner Haynes and Senators Johnson and Shortridge.

RUTTER TRANSFERRED

Although Commissioner Haynes withheld official announcement of Mitchell's resignation and Rutter's scheduled appointment to succeed him, Haynes did announce, according to press advices, that Rutter had been relieved as federal prohibition director for Pennsylvania and removed from the Philadelphia prohibition office. The same advices said that it was understood Rutter would be sent back to San Francisco to "clean up" here.

MOTHER IS ATTACKED IN NEW COURT ACTION

The first guns were fired today in the new fight between Richard M. Hotelling and his mother, Mrs. Lavina Hotelling.

Attorneys for Hotelling appeared before Superior Judge Thomas F. Graham with a request for a restraining order enjoining Mrs. Hotelling from transferring or disposing of \$1,000,000 worth of stock of the Hotelling Estate Company.

Judge Graham continued the hearing until Monday when Mrs. Hotelling's attorneys will be present to oppose the move.

The restraining order was sought in connection with Hotelling's petition to have his mother declared incompetent and a guardian appointed.

Incidentally with today's move by Hotelling, Gavin McNab and Nat Schmolowitz, Mrs. Hotelling's attorneys, made their first defense move when they filed an exception to the surities of the bond accompanying the suit. The sureties are Richard Hotelling himself and W. H. Nelson, one of his counsel.

PREY TO CULTS, CHARGE

The guardianship petition was revealed today as a sensational document. In it Hotelling sets forth that his mother is "weak, ill and decrepit" and a "prey to divers designing persons" to whom she is dispensing her fortune.

1000 Animals Dead In Stockyard Fire

By International News Service
KANSAS CITY, Mo., Feb. 18.—Five hundred head of sheep, 500 head of hogs and hundreds of tons of hay, corn and other feed were burned in a spectacular fire in the stockyards last night. The loss was estimated at \$40,000.

For some time the entire stockyards district was threatened. The flames spread from pen to pen and swept an area nearly six acres in extent. Nearly 7000 sheep and 2500 hogs were in the pens when the flames were discovered.

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BOY, 6, DYING FROM BOOTLEG

Special Dispatch to The Call
SAN JOSE, Feb. 18.—Missing several days from his mother's home at Campbell, a few miles from here, 6-year-old Charles Hawkins was found in a probably dying condition from bootleg whiskey today on the banks of a creek on the outskirts of town.

S. F. MAN TRIES SUICIDE IN N. Y.

John D. Morris, 24, giving his address as 528 Phelan building, San Francisco, shot himself in the head with a rifle in New York City today, according to an International News Service dispatch.

WANTED

The following positions are vacant—see WANT AD section of THE CALL:

- 1 First class cook
- 2 Salesladies
- 3 Lady cornerlens
- 4 Bkpr-cashier, wholesale
- 5 Splitter and collector
- 6 Wrappers
- 7 Barroughs bookpr.
- 8 Comptometer opr.
- 9 Multigraph opr.
- 10 Bkpr-cost clerk
- 11 Salesman with autos
- 12 Dietician
- 13 Young women
- 14 Stenographers
- 15 Solicitors
- 16 Neat girls

Priest's Home Robbed Of \$25,000 in Bonds

By Associated Press
ACHOIA, Ill., Feb. 18.—A burglar broke into the residence of the Rev. P. J. Weber, pastor of St. Nicholas Roman-Catholic Church, this morning and stole \$25,000 in unregistered Liberty bonds from the priest's safe. The robbery is the latest of a series, in which priests of this section have been the prey, apparently because they are as a rule unarmed and unwilling to take a life. The door to Father Weber's safe was open and the strong box key hung on a ring nearby.

1 Shot, 1 Kidnaped In Florida Feud

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Feb. 18 (By International News Service).—With one man shot and seriously wounded and another in the hands of kidnapers who ambushed the pair early today, the town of MacClenny, county seat of Baker County, is on the verge of a feud war.

NEWS DOWN TO THE LAST MINUTE

FOUR BURN TO DEATH
By International News Service
CHEYENNE, Wyo., Feb. 18.—L. A. Dove, prominent rancher, his daughter and two sons were burned to death early this morning.

RUSS PLAN MONARCHIST COUP

COPENHAGEN, Feb. 18.—Representatives of the Russian monarchists will meet in Berlin March 4 to discuss the possibility of a monarchial counter revolution in Russia, according to a dispatch from Helsingfors today.

HOUSE REAPPORTION MEET MONDAY

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—House Republicans are expected to decide at a caucus Monday night whether a bill reapportioning congressional representation on the basis of the 1920 census should be passed at this session.

Egypt Official Shot

CAIRO, Feb. 18 (By Associated Press).—An attempt was made today upon the life of R. Alfred Brown, controller general of the Egyptian ministry of education. He was struck by a revolver bullet and seriously wounded.

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M'DONOUGH BOOTLEG RING BARED

FLAMES WILL GIRL, 16

HAIR ABLAZE, ORPHAN IS FATALY INJURED

Marie Granados, 16 year old inmate of the Salvation Army Rescue and Maternity Home at East Twenty-eighth and Garden streets, Oakland, died early today from burns received yesterday when her hair caught fire from a gas heater in her room. The girl ran screaming through the hall, her clothing aflame.

Mrs. Bergdoll's Suit For Son Attacked

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—(By International News Service).—Declaring that Grover Cleveland Bergdoll lost his rights as an American citizen by his conviction as a draft dodger, Colonel Thomas W. Miller, alien property custodian, today attacked the right of Mrs. Emma C. Bergdoll, Grover's mother, to recover property valued at \$100,000 seized from her son under the trading with the enemy act. Miller filed an answer in the District Supreme Court to the petition of Mrs. Bergdoll to secure the return of the property.

Landis Resigns in Just Twenty Words

By Associated Press. Feb. 20.—The resignation of Federal Judge Landis, announced Saturday in Chicago, was received today at the White House. It was written in Judge Landis' own handwriting, dated Chicago, February 18, and read:

Aato Bareau Theft Indictment Planned

SACRAMENTO, Feb. 20.—Indictment of D. F. Jerauld, former auditor of the State Motor Vehicle Department, charged with forgery and embezzlement of \$200 of state funds, by the grand jury will be asked this week, District Attorney Hugh B. Bradford announced.

College Baseball Professionals O. K.'d

By Associated Press. Feb. 20.—Representatives of mid-western universities and colleges, meeting here today to form a new athletic conference, tentatively decided to go on record as in favor of a rule permitting college athletes to play summer baseball for money.

COURSING DOGS FIRST IN SPOUSE'S AFFECTIONS, PLAINT OF WIFE; WINS DIVORCE

Mrs. Lena Glasser (seated), who won divorce today on unique charges, and Miss Mildred Keller, her corroborating witness.



Call cameraman photo.

'Other Woman' Also Named as Alienator in Complaint

Cyril A. Glasser cared more for courting dogs than for his wife, according to his own admission, detailed by the wife today to Superior Judge Frank J. Murasky. She was granted an interlocutory decree of divorce. According to the complaint filed for her by Attorney Walter S. Fishbein, the Glassers were married October 26, 1912, and separated October 21, 1921. There was another woman in the case, but her name was not revealed by the wife nor by her corroborating witness, her niece, Miss Mildred Keller, who lives with Mrs. Glasser at 41 Chamberlain street.

WANTED

The following positions are vacant—see WANT AD section of THE CALL: 1 Specialty man 2 Multigraph oprs. 1 Asst. bkpr. 1 Bookkeeper 5 Young women 5 Stenographers 15 Solicitors 2 Neat girls

Fruit, Power Men Fight for Water

QUARREL OF TAYLOR AND WOMAN IS CHARGED

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 20.—(By International News Service).—A woman who claims to know of a bitter quarrel between another woman and William Desmond Taylor a few days before he was murdered was summoned to the district attorney's office today to tell her story which was expected to furnish new clues in the investigation of the mystery slaying.

Free Bicycles JACKIE COOGAN on a Call Columbia



Real, live boys like Jackie, in San Francisco and other towns are getting free bikes from THE CALL. Page 6 tells you how to do it.

20 ARMED MEN LOOT DISTILLERY

By Associated Press. LOUISVILLE, Ky., Feb. 20.—Twenty armed men with three trucks, held up three guards and one passerby at the Old Pepper Distillery near Versailles, Ky., early this morning and escaped with between 350 and 400 cases of liquor valued at about \$40,000, according to reports received here.

Today's Opportunity in Bonds

It is inevitable that sound investment Bonds should increase in value. The profits of this rise will accrue to those who wisely invest now. Today offers splendid opportunity in Bonds of the most desirable types—Municipal, Industrial, Utilities, Government, and the Call's Bond Page 1, the market place of such high grade securities. Read the Special Weekly Bond Page every Monday and do not neglect the daily financial news. It puts the investors of San Francisco in touch with opportunity to invest most wisely and advantageously.

Rockefeller O. K.'s Marriage of Kin To Swiss Lover

CHICAGO, Feb. 20.—(By International News Service).—Max Oser, mid-aged riding master of Zurich, Switzerland, must become an American citizen if he wants Miss Mathilde McCormick, daughter of Harold P. McCormick, head of the International Harvester Company, and granddaughter of John D. Rockefeller.

Cigarettes Cause Ban on Colleges

By Associated Press. LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 20.—Instructors in any of the state normal colleges of Nebraska hereafter will be refused leaves of absence to study or attend the universities of Columbia, Chicago and Northwestern "because the testimony of those who have been students and the news items in the daily press show that cigarette smoking is common among women in these institutions," under a resolution adopted today by the board of education of state normal schools.

Illness Postpones Obenchain Trial

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 20.—Illness of witnesses and physical condition of the jury and attorneys caused postponement of the trial of Mrs. Madalynne Connor Obenchain here until Thursday on the charge of murdering J. Brian Kennedy, broker, here last August.

2 S. F. BOOZE RINGS BARED; M'DONOUGH IS LEADER

Two new bootlegging rings, well organized and flourishing in defiance of the law—ones of them headed by the McDonough brothers—are being made the subject of an intensive probe by agents of the intelligence unit of the Internal Revenue Service with offices in the Grant building.

These facts became known today after the inquiry had been pressed with the utmost secrecy for the past week. The names of the principals, their addresses and mode of operation are known to the federal investigators and recent is being made of the extent and nature of the activities of both bootlegging cliques.

Activities of the McDonoughs, hall bond brokers, in one ring were bared, it is understood, by disclosure that the brothers are financially behind a string of downtown saloons purveying liquors to favored patrons and doing a landoffice business.

Two trips a week are made by the liquor laden trucks from Duana to San Francisco. Names of the drivers, details of their operations and location of their liquor importations are said to be in the possession of the federal agents working with the utmost secrecy in the Grant building offices of the internal revenue department's intelligence unit.

One booze shipment from Canada, now under the scrutiny of the agents, reached here January 31 last, being landed at Point Reyes.

Investigators have discovered that a Powell street hotel serves as headquarters for this ring and that there assemble the San Francisco agents of the clique who meet prospective customers and smaller distributors.

FINANCED BY M'DONOUGH The chain of saloons financed by the McDonoughs for selling over the bar of the booze handled by the other ring now are under close scrutiny by the investigators and arrests are said to be near.

These revelations shared interest today with the expected arrival of Samuel Butler to take the place of A. Forrest Mitchell as state prohibition director and the telegram sent to Washington by Harry Brodsky, continued on next page, Col. Three

Irish Republic Army Ranks in Second Mutiny

DUBLIN, Feb. 20.—Lieutenant Head of the British military forces was killed and a British sergeant and three civilians were wounded in an affray in a Dublin suburb late today.

DUBLIN, Feb. 20.—The second mutinous outbreak in the Irish Republican army was reported today from Tipperary. The South Tipperary brigade issued a proclamation similar to that of the middle Limerick brigade on Saturday.

The Irish Republican army is determined to rouse the nation from its lethargy to resist the treacherous inclusion of Ireland among British possessions," said the Tipperary proclamation. Just before news was received of the Tipperary trouble the ministry of defense in the provisional government had announced that steps were being taken to prevent a repetition of the Limerick mutiny, when the volunteer brigade issued a proclamation refusing to recognize the heads of the Irish Republican army and the provisional government.

NEWS DOWN TO THE LAST MINUTE

HOSPITAL AID HURT IN CRASH Charles Krescmeier, an emergency hospital steward, suffered a fracture of the left foot and several ribs today when an automobile driven by Robert H. Brown, 1153 Oak street, crashed into him at the corner of Oak and Divisadero streets.

PACIFIC LINER GOES AGROUND VANCOUVER, B. C., Feb. 20.—The Admiral Line steamer Admiral Farragut, which was on ways at the Wallace Shipyards here for repairs, snapped a chain holding her in place, slid into the water and went aground on the north shore of Burrard Inlet, opposite Vancouver today.

SISTER DIES IN CONVENT BLAZE MISSOULA, Mont., Feb. 20.—Sister John, 79, is believed to have lost her life in the fire that destroyed several buildings of the Ursuline convent and St. Joseph's Catholic School at St. Ignace, Mont., early today.

FORMER U. S. SENATOR DIES DENVER, Feb. 20.—John F. Shafroth, former United States senator from Colorado and twice governor of this state, died here this afternoon. He was 67 years old.

fleeted the opinion of only a few men in the army.

SINN FEIN CONCLAVE DELEGATES ASSEMBLE

DUBLIN, Feb. 20 (By the Associated Press).—Delegates to the Ard Fheis, or national Sinn Fein convention, which meets tomorrow, were already gathering in large numbers today. About 2000 representatives from all parts of the country are entitled to attend. The ostensible purpose of the convention is to decide the future constitution of the Sinn Fein movement, but it is claimed the district can be made by the discussions and final vote will be revealed the comparative strength of the supporters of Eamon de Valera.

YUBA RIVER IRRIGATORS, UTILITIES IN CONTEST

Fruit versus electric power was the issue today in the first water rights hearing to be held jointly by federal and state authorities in California. The hearing is on the plea of the Nevada Irrigation District, in Nevada and Sierra counties, that it get for irrigation purposes water rights sought by two power companies for hydro-electric development. The companies are the Yuba Development Company and the Excelsior Water and Power Company.

The president of the former is Buckley Wells, who has been identified with the Colorado Light and Power

Company and is reputed to represent the Harry Payne Whitney interests of New York.

The Excelsior company is said to have the backing of Boston capital, including that of the Ayers estate, founded on sarsaparilla.

The hearing was held in the ferry building before F. H. Fowler, district engineer of the federal forestry service, acting for the federal power commission, and H. A. Kuegel, chief of the water rights division of the State Department of Public Works.

The irrigation district comprises 205,000 acres, of which it is said 125,000 are susceptible of irrigated development. Only 6000 are now developed. It is claimed the district can be made one of the richest in fruit production in California.

The irrigation district wants the

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14 LEAP AS GIANT ROMA FALLS; SCORE BURN IN WRECKAGE

NORFOLK, Va., Feb. 21.—Exploding after crashing downward during a trial flight, the army's Italian built airship Roma was destroyed today near the naval base here with the loss of an undetermined number of lives. Estimates an hour and a half after the disaster placed the dead from a half dozen to nearly forty out of the more than half a hundred persons on board.

Immediately on receipt of the official dispatch, Major General Patrick, director of the air service, left by airplane for Langley Field.

The naval hospital at Portsmouth was officially informed that thirty-eight of those aboard the airship, the largest semi-rigid dirigible in the world, were killed, while undertakers in Newport News were officially notified that thirty or more persons had lost their lives.

PORTSMOUTH, Va., Feb. 21.—According to a message received at the naval hospital at Portsmouth at 3:15 p. m., thirty-eight men on board the Roma were killed as she fell. There were some reports that others were caught under her. At that hour twelve bodies had been taken from the wreckage.

ROMA SCHEDULED TO FLY ACROSS CONTINENT

A transcontinental flight of the Roma was planned for the latter part of the year. Plans for hangars at Crissy Field were discussed among the air service officers at corps area headquarters several weeks ago.

Official air service bulletins announcing the proposed trip were sent to Crissy Field January 21, at which time the local air service officers were advised that the Ansaldo, or Italian, motors on the Roma were being changed to De Havilland types for contemplated flights to Texas air fields and eventually to the Pacific Coast.

The initial trip of the Roma was made at Langley Field, Virginia, November 15, when thirty-one men, in-

Among the definitely known survivors were Captain Walter J. Reed and Lieutenant Byron G. Hurt, the official pilots of the Roma, and J. M. Reidenbach and Vernon Peck, engineers.

MEMBERS OF CREW
Members of the official crew of the Roma were announced at Langley Field as follows:

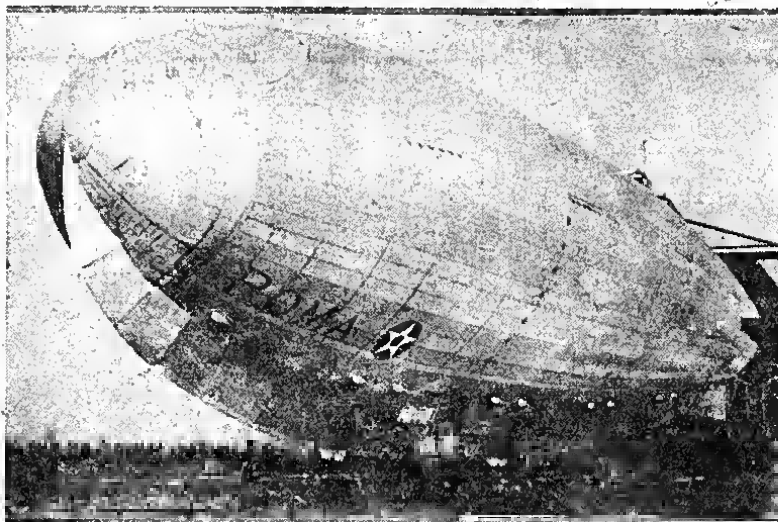
Major John G. Thorneil, former commander.
Captain Dale Mabry, commander.
Captain Walter J. Reed, pilot.
Lieutenant Byron G. Hurt, pilot.
Sergeant Roger B. McNally, coxswain.
Sergeant Lee M. Harris, chief engineer.
Sergeant Lewis Hilliard, engineer.
Myron G. Field, engineer.
J. N. Reidenbach, engineer.
Sergeant Thomas Yarrowbrough, engineer.
Sergeant Billy Ryan, radio operator.
Sergeant Virgil Hoffman, rigger.
Corporal Irby Huxton, rigger.
Corporal Alberto Flores, rigger.
Private Gus Kinkaton, rigger.
Private Marion Hill, rigger.
Private Thomas M. Blakeley, engineer.
Private John Thompson, engineer.
Private Vernon Peck, engineer.
Private Homer Gorbey and Sergeant Lico G. Loupes, photographers.

EXPLODED OVER BASE
By Associated Press.
SULLY, Va., Feb. 21.—The army dirigible Roma, purchased by the United States government from Italy and only recently commissioned, was destroyed by an explosion today while

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MONSTER DIRIGIBLE WRECKED IN EXPLOSION

The Roma, purchased from the Italian government, shown here leaving hangar at Langley Field on a recent trial flight. The giant airship normally carried a crew of twenty-eight officers and men and was equipped with six 300 horsepower motors and capable of making 70 miles an hour.—Photo by "INTERNATIONAL"



COLLINS ADMITS PACT BAN BY SINN FEIN

By International News Service.
DUBLIN, Feb. 21.—Michael Collins, in a statement to the International News Service this afternoon, conceded victory to Eamonn de Valera upon his motion in the Ard Fheis, stating that the Sinn Fein could not accept the Anglo-Irish treaty.

Rival Irish factions supporting Collins and De Valera clashed at Bally Bole, in County Donegal, today. The local garrison of the Irish republican army established order and proclaimed curfew regulations.

PARTY SPLIT INEVITABLE

DUBLIN, Feb. 21 (By the Associated Press).—Eamonn de Valera, apparently regarding a split of the Sinn Fein party as inevitable, openly advocated such a division in addressing the Ard Fheis, the national Sinn Fein convention at its extraordinary session today, saying it would be better for Ireland to have two armies each ready to assist the other if the country were imperiled rather than one army divided in itself.

De Valera's speech was the outstanding feature of the morning session of the Ard Fheis, which had only begun the discussion of the party's future policy for or against the Anglo-Irish treaty when the luncheon adjournment was taken at 1:40 p. m. until 3 o'clock.

VALERA WINS APELUSE
Speaking to his resolution urging the Sinn Fein party to continue the fight

Former War Risk Bureau Director Dies in New York

By Associated Press.
NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—Colonel R. G. Cholmsley-Jones, formerly director of the bureau of war risk insurance, died at the Presbyterian Hospital early today. He had been ill at the hospital since October 30, last.

Colonel Cholmsley-Jones, who was 34 years of age, was twice rejected for military service during the war, but the government, recognizing his ability as an organizer, gave him a captain's commission in the adjutant general's department, and sent him overseas with the war risk section. He became chief of the war risk bureau in the American expeditionary forces, remaining in France until 1919.

Upon his return to America he became director of the bureau of war risk insurance, his task being the reorganization of the work being done by the bureau. He resigned to become vice president of the finance and trading corporation of this city.

WANTED

The following positions are vacant—see WANT AD section of THE CALL:

- 4 Attractive women
- 3 Bookkeepers
- 1 Multigraph opr.
- 1 Mimeo. opr.
- 1 Cashier
- 1 Multigraph typist
- 1 Solicitor
- 1 Information clerk
- 1 Secretary
- 3 Young women
- 3 Stenographers
- 11 Solicitors
- 2 Neat girls

2 LEAP TO DEATH FROM S. F. SHIP WITHIN HOUR

Two suicides—one of a woman passenger, the other of a waiter—were reported to the San Francisco office of the Matson Navigation Company in a radio message today from the steamer Buckeye State, en route from San Francisco to Baltimore.

The woman was Mrs. Alice Hill, 38, Riverdale, although she boarded the steamer in San Francisco. The waiter was Harold Hallway.

According to the message from Captain John Vicks of the Buckeye State, Mrs. Hill threw herself into the sea at 4:55 yesterday afternoon when the steamer was 400 miles south of Los Angeles.

Hallway jumped overboard about an hour later. On both occasions the steamer was stopped and a rescue attempted. Neither body was recovered.

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Metson, Gun, Shield Banker

MYSTERIOUS WOMAN IN FILM DEATH GRILLING

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 21 (By International News Service).—Holding tenaciously to the theory that a woman killed William Desmond Taylor, noted film director, Under Sheriff Dilworth today began questioning numerous witnesses following the discovery of information that pointed to a possible solution of the murder.

One of the first witnesses interviewed planned to question was a chauffeur who has been questioned twice by District Attorney Woolwine. It was considered a possibility that the woman who employs the chauffeur will be questioned again in connection with Barcellus' inquiry.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 21 (By International News Service).—Reports that a woman whose name has been prominent in the case probably will be called to the district attorney's office to be questioned there for the second time, and the discovery of the trail of a negro named Anderson, sought as a suspect, today marked the investigation of the William Desmond Taylor murder mystery.

Information received since the woman, who was one of Taylor's closest friends, was questioned by District Attorney Woolwine early in the investigation requires that she be called upon to amplify her statement, it was rumored.

While no suspicion has been directed against the woman because of the new information, detectives believe that she should be asked to give her version of what has been told them.

Interest of investigators centered today on a report from a jeweler examining Taylor's handsome thin model gold watch. His report may definitely determine the exact minute at which Taylor was shot. This may give officials a new angle on which to work.

NEGRO QUIZZED AGAIN
Henry Peavey, negro servant, one of the last to see Taylor alive has been questioned again by District Attorney Woolwine in an effort to determine whether there was any basis for his declaration that he believed a film actress, whom he named, fired the shot. The district attorney said he could learn nothing that supported this theory.

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1 Killed, 2 Hurt When Police Fire In Strike Riots

By Associated Press.
PAWTUCKET, R.I., Feb. 21.—One man was killed, two were seriously wounded and six persons were hurt when the police used riot guns today on a crowd of 1000 persons who gathered at the plant of the Jencks Spinning Company, where a strike is in progress. The guns were used when several patrolmen had been knocked down after the arrest of three strike sympathizers.

Mayor Robert A. Kenyon witnessed the shooting. He had arrived at the gates of the plant early in the morning to observe the crowd that has customarily gathered to watch working operatives enter the mill. The mayor, believing that there was danger in the crowd, read the riot act. He then told the patrolmen to be careful and calm, but to do their duty and to "shoot if necessary."

WOMEN IN MOB
Meanwhile women were pulling and mauling at the girls who were attempting to enter the mill and several were knocked down. The police put their shoulders to the crowd and were countered with fist and club blows. Three patrolmen were knocked down and the arrests followed.

A passing furniture van was commandeered as a patrol wagon, but when the patrolmen attempted to hustle their

William H. Metson, leader of the bar and one of the most urbane of San Francisco's clubmen, stood at the doorway of his home, 2395 Broadway, in the small hours of today and, armed with a shotgun, said to an invading party of police:

"If you go up those stairs, I'll blow you down again."

They didn't go.

Metson, with a sawed off shotgun, stood guard over what he declared the constitutional rights of his brother in law and house mate, Jafet Lindeberg, millionaire.

The threat of a shotgun defense.

LINDBERGH RESCUED FROM S. F. SLEUTHS

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NEWS DOWN TO THE LAST MINUTE

35 OR 40 PINNED UNDER BLIMP

By Associated Press.
PORTSMOUTH, Va., Feb. 21.—Belief that thirty-five or forty bodies still were pinned under the wreckage of the Roma is expressed by officials of the United States public health service. It was officially announced at the army base at 3:40 o'clock that only ten survivors have been rescued from the Roma. Eight are seriously injured and two slightly.

EIGHT SAVED FROM WRECK
By International News Service.
NORFOLK, Feb. 21.—At 3:45 this afternoon eight men had been rescued from the wreck of the army dirigible Roma. They are Reardon, Nelson, Reed, Hurley, Peate, Bibenboth, Chapman and Burke.

SIX INDICTED AS SYNDICALISTS
Six men were indicted under the criminal syndicalism law by the Alameda County grand jury today, at a special meeting. They were James G. Reed, J. A. Ragdale, C. A. and Clarence Tobey, E. B. Smith and John H. Dolan.

according to Metson's associates, was made to prevent the kidnapping of Lindeberg by representatives of the state of Washington, who want him to

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S. F. FLYER KILLED IN BLIMP

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RAIL MEN, MINERS IN PACT

HAB CAL FOR BLIMP

Convict Promises to Solve Taylor Killing

MAN IN JAIL IMPLICATES DOPE RING IN MURDER

By International News Service.
DETROIT, Mich., Feb. 22.—(By International News Service.)—Harry N. Fields, confessed "dope" and convicted forger, today made a statement in which he said that he was the man who killed Taylor.

7 Dead in Battle With Storm After Ship Is Wrecked

By Associated Press.
GALVESTON, Tex., Feb. 22.—(By Associated Press.)—The Mexican liner steamer El Oriente, arriving today from New York, brought the story of a sea tragedy in which seven men lost their lives after enduring days of suffering. The men were the crew of the Panacola schooner Caldwell H. Colt, which was wrecked on a Florida reef February 13 in a gale.

WIFE, SOUL MATE PACT IS O. K.'D BY HUSBAND

BOSTON, Feb. 22 (By International News Service).—A bombshell was exploded in Waltham, Mass., church and social circles today when it was revealed that pretty Mrs. Parker C. Mosher, prominent in Hyde Park church circles and president of the Ladies' Auxiliary, Loyal Order of Scottish Clans, is not married to the man whose name she publicly bears, and whose child she bore, but to Elmer R. Antcliffe.

R. R. MEN BACK MINERS' STRIKE

CHICAGO, Feb. 22 (By the Associated Press).—Leaders of mine and railroad labor unions in a joint session today voted to form "a protective alliance" through which the United Mine Workers of America would receive "the full support" of a majority of the nation's railroad employees in the miners' strike proposed for April 1. The alliance as yet does not call for a sympathetic rail strike, however.

Orlando May Form Italian Cabinet
ROME, Feb. 22 (By the Associated Press).—Benito de Mussolini, president of the Italian Chamber of Deputies, today declined the king's invitation to form a new cabinet to succeed the Bonomi ministry.

WANTED
The following positions are vacant—see WANT AD section of the CALL:
4 Attractive women
2 Young women
2 Stenographers
11 Solicitors
2 Neat girls
2 City solicitors
1 Salesman
1 Solicitor-collector
1 Information clerk
2 Bookkeepers
1 Multi- and mimeo. opr.
1 Multigraph typist
1 Cashier

LIST OF DEAD, SURVIVORS OF BLIMP

By International News Service.
NEWSPUR, Va., Feb. 22.—The official casualty list of the crash of the semi-rigid dirigible Roma, issued today at the temporary morgue was:
DEAD
Major John G. Thorneill, married, Sidney, Ia.
Major Walter W. Vautsmeier, married, Freeport, Ill.
Captain Dale Mabry, single, Tampa, Fla.
Captain George D. Watts, Indianapolis, Ind.
Captain Allen T. MacFarland, single, Indianapolis, Ind.
Captain Frederick J. Durrsmith, single, Derby, Conn.
First Lieutenant John R. Hall, married, Kingsville, Mo.
First Lieutenant Wallace C. Cummings, married, home address Springfield, Tenn.; emergency address, Mrs. Cummings, 406 North Ivy street, Monrovia, Cal.
First Lieutenant William E. Riley, married, New York.
First Lieutenant Clifford E. Smythe, married, Chicago.
First Lieutenant Wallace C. Cummings, married, home address Springfield, Tenn.; emergency address, Mrs. Cummings, 406 North Ivy street, Monrovia, Cal.
First Lieutenant Ambrose V. Clinton, married, Savannah, Ga.
First Lieutenant Harold K. Hine, single, Bridgeport, Conn.
Civilians—
Walter J. Hanson.
William O'Loughlin.
Charles M. Schulerberg.
—Harriet or Cressie R. Merriam.
Enlisted Men—
Master Sergeant Roger C. McNally, Philadelphia.
Master Sergeant James Murray, New York.
Master Sergeant Homer Gorbey, Raymond City, Va.
Technical Sergeant Lee M. Harris, Langley Field, Va.
Staff Sergeant Louis Lillard, Coldwater, Kans.
Staff Sergeant Marion J. Deall, La Plata, Md.
Sergeant Thomas A. Yarbrough, Selma, Ala.
Private Gus Kingston, 3611 West Kentucky street, Louisville, Ky.
Sergeant William J. Ryan, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Sergeant Virgil C. Hoffman, Eaton Rapids, Mich.
Sergeant Edward M. Schumacher, Red Bank, N. J.
Sergeant James M. Holmes, Ashland, Ky.
Corporal Urbey B. Havron, 1614 South M street, Elwood, Ind.
Private Marion Hill, Newton, Ill.
Private Theron M. Blakeley, 581 Seventh avenue, San Francisco.
Private John E. Thompson, Bentonville, N. C.

ENGINEER OF S. F. VICTIM IN CRASH OF AIRSHIP

A San Franciscoan lost his life in the dirigible Roma disaster.
He was Private Theron Melville Blakeley, an engineer aboard the big balloon, and former resident of 161 Seventh avenue, this city.
First news of his death was conveyed to his mother and sister at their Mountain View home today by The Call.
Two months ago the mother, Mrs. Rosalie Blakeley, and her daughter moved from their Seventh avenue home in this city to Pettis avenue, Mountain View. A week ago came a letter from Private Blakeley, in which he said he had just been made engineer of the Roma.
He was enthusiastic over the prospect of a trip aboard the giant dirigible.
Mrs. Blakeley and her daughter were prostrated today over the tragedy that had cast its shadow over their little home in Mountain View. Private Blakeley was an only son.

Remembering the Day, This Is No Lie Skunk Hunted to Death in Union Sq.



This is not a nature fake. It is a reversion of primordial habits, wrath of heaven—these are theories advanced and you can take your pick and put the details in yourself.
But the fact remains that more than a week ago the guests of various hotels about Union Square made complaint and the hotel men told George Eaton, caretaker of the square, for heaven's sake to find out about it.
Today, in the bushes, Eaton caught a full grown male skunk. He admitted that he stopped. He called Patrolman Thomas Larkin.
"Get on with you," said Larkin. Then he, too, saw the skunk. He aimed and fired and the varmint had become exhibit A.
That's the whole truth!

NEW JERSEY SEIZES CAR LOAD FROM PACIFIC

By Associated Press.
PASSAIC, N. J., Feb. 22.—Twenty-five thousand dollars' worth of liquor masqueraded as grapefruit was seized here last night by police detectives while it was being unloaded in the Erie Railroad yards from a freight car loaded in California.
There were a few cases of grapefruit in the car, but not enough to fool the plain clothes men, who also seized two vans on which the cases were being stacked.
The name of the consignee was withheld and the evidence given to federal authorities.

ROMA CRASH CAUSED BY BROKEN CABLE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22 (By International News Service).—A broken cable was primarily responsible for the fatal crash of the dirigible Roma with a loss of thirty-four lives, according to a preliminary investigation already completed by Major General Mason M. Patrick, chief of air service.
General Patrick telegraphed the War Department today the results of his preliminary investigation. His brief report follows:
"To the adjutant general: Have ordered thorough investigation to determine cause of Roma disaster. Information already gathered indicates cable to elevator rudder broke. Ship nosed down. Struck live wire carrying high tension electric current and this started fire. There was no explosion and no fire until after these wires were hit and broken."
While three concurrent investigations were being rushed by army officials, fellow aviators honored their dead as crusaders of the sky, who were suddenly overtaken by a fickle fate.
BLAME CONTROL ENGINE
There are eleven survivors of the crash and the terrific fire that made a funeral pyre for the trapped aviators. Those of the survivors able to talk today blamed the catastrophe on broken elevating controls and a Liberty motor that "went dead." The Roma was making its first test flight after Liberty motors had replaced the original Italian engines.
The three investigations into the crash are being conducted by Major General Patrick, chief of the army air service, who came from Washington by airplane; by Lieutenant Colonel Arthur G. Fleher, acting commandant at the flying field, who ordered the Roma "up" on its last flight, and by Major E. L. Kennedy, summary court officer, who is the army "coroner."

JOHNSON ASKS U. S. RIGHTS DEFINED IN PACIFIC PACT

By J. BART CAMPBELL
Staff Correspondent International News Service.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—The Brandegee and other reservations proposed by the four power Pacific treaty "Republican" "Irreconcilables" and Democratic senators constituting a majority of the Senate foreign relations committee will be the subject of a conference between President Harding and Senator Lodge, Republican, Massachusetts, the committee chairman, before any of them are finally acted upon.
In making this announcement today, after the Pacific pact was again discussed in the Senate today, Senator Lodge said he expected to see the President about the proposed reservations "within the next twenty-four hours."
Senator Johnson of California, one of the "irreconcilable" committee members, offered a new reservation to the Pacific pact at today's session which was intended to define the term "rights" employed in the Pacific pact and to reserve to the United States "full liberty of judgment" regarding the validity or invalidity of those rights in the event of any dispute over them.
It was denied by Senator Lodge that he had formally accepted the Brandegee or any of the proposed reservations.

NEWS DOWN TO THE LAST MINUTE MISSING FILM PRODUCER FOUND

By Associated Press.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—A bill providing for establishment of a federal motion picture commission with censorship powers over all films entered in interstate commerce was introduced in the House today by Representative Appleby, Republican, New Jersey.
MAJORITY OF ROMA VICTIMS MARRIED
DAYTON, O., Feb. 22.—Records of the several McCook Field men killed in the Roma crash at Norfolk show that nearly all were married and have children.
POINCARÉ, GEORGE TO CONFER ON PARLEY
PARIS, Feb. 22 (By Associated Press).—Prime Minister Lloyd George of Great Britain and Premier Poincaré of France, will meet some where in France Saturday for a conference on the agenda and date of the Genoa conference.

Bonafé Opposed By Solon, Plan Given

By Associated Press.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—Senator Francis, Republican, Maryland, in the Senate today opposed enactment of a "bonus" legislation, and outlined methods by which, he said, the country might be able to later meet the bonus problem. Among Senate Democrats' proposals were:
Cancellation of the allied debts in exchange for grants to America of the former German colonies and cables; restoration of commerce and friendly relations with Russia; negotiation of a treaty for the development of Africa's resources and reduction of German reparations.

California Quake Resurvey Planned

By Associated Press.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—The House appropriations committee reported out today appropriation bills carrying an item of \$15,000 for making a resurvey of certain parts of California affected by earthquakes. The resurvey would be made by the coast and geodetic service.
"It would seem that there has been an appreciable amount of the earth's crust in the areas referred to which has rendered inaccurate the control points previously established," the report stated.

Italian Plane With Rich American Falls

By Associated Press.
LONDON, Feb. 22.—A dispatch to the Central News from Rome says a British airplane, flying across Italy, "with an American industrial magnate," whose name is given as Henry Talbot, has fallen near Venice.

3 Entombed When Tunnel Caves In

By Associated Press.
CANTON, O., Feb. 22.—Three men were buried when a tunnel being dug under car tracks in a street here caved in this morning. One man was rescued alive and will recover. Two others have been impaled for more than an hour and authorities fear they have been crushed to death or suffocated.

MRS. STILLMAN BEREAVED
By Associated Press.
RICHMOND, Va., Feb. 22.—James Brown, father of Mrs. F. H. Potter Stillman of New York, died suddenly today at the home of Frank Powers in Westhampton, a suburb of Richmond. Potter, a well known local figure, died last night.

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CHINESE IS NAMED AS TAYLOR SLAYER

GIRL NAMED AS AID TO FILM DEATH PLOTTERS

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 23. (By International News Service).—The "confession" of Harry N. Fields, alias "Harry, the Chick," who told the Detroit police that he assisted in the slaying of William Desmond Taylor, was received at the sheriff's office today.

Fields named Wong Lee, alias "Sammy Lee," a Chinese, as the slayer.

A woman known as Jennie Moore and a man known as Johnnie Clark were members of the "murder party," Fields said.

It was learned today that, months ago, Taylor appealed to federal officers in Los Angeles to help him thwart the "dope ring" and save from its clutches the woman he is said to have loved, who was an addict.

The discovery that Taylor had asked a secret investigation by federal officers of traffic in narcotics at a certain motion picture studio for the purpose of exposing the "dope" peddlers who were victimizing the woman was concrete evidence to substantiate the theory of the slaying, as disclosed by Fields.

PLOTTED TO KILL

Fields' story to Detroit officers was that the ring plotted to kill Taylor because Taylor, to save the woman, enlisted the aid of the federal authorities.

The deputies had three things to accomplish:

First, find the gun which Fields said was used by Taylor's slayer. Fields told the Detroit officers where the gun was hidden in Los Angeles.

Second, locate the "dope den" of Fields' gang in Los Angeles. Fields said he drove two men and a woman to Taylor's home on the night of the murder from this place.

Third, check up on Fields' statement that he was paid \$200 by the slayer at a Los Angeles bank, where the other man changed a \$1000 bill.

MURDERER'S FAMILY

Deputies Dewar, Bright and Bell, working under the direction of Sheriff Truesler, and Under Sheriff Biscailuz, also sought to find Fields' wife and three children, who are said to be living in Los Angeles.

The name of the woman whom Taylor tried to save is known to the deputies. They say she became an addict several years ago and fell so far into the clutches of the gang that she was paying as much as \$2000 a month for her supply of drugs. Taylor induced her to go to an Eastern sanitarium for treatment.

Practically cured, she returned to Los Angeles about a year ago, only to be again pursued by the "dope" peddlers. Taylor, in his efforts to free her from the clutches of the gang, is said to have severely beaten one of the gang and kicked him into the street. Following this, officers said, Taylor appealed to them for help.

WAGES WAR ON RING

While the authorities hope to substantiate Fields' story, they said that whether his "confession" is true or not, their investigation will continue along the line that Taylor was slain by a narcotic peddler.

Their evidence concerning Taylor's

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L. A. MURDER CONFESSION GIVEN TO DETROIT POLICE BY ALLEGED ACCOMPLICE

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 23.—Here is the confession of his purported part in the William Desmond Taylor murder as given to the Detroit police by a prisoner known as Harry Fields, alias "The Chick," and flashed to the sheriff's office today:

That he conducted a "dope joint" in Venice and on a "hop joint" in Los Angeles, about 3 o'clock, he drove to Los Angeles with Wong Lee, a man known as Johnnie Clark and Jennie Moore.

He said they drove to a point near an all day and night bank in Los Angeles, where they got a larger car and drove out to Taylor's house.

Fields said he stayed in the automobile while the other three went toward the house.

He said that the Moore woman carried an automatic pistol and that Wong Lee had an old fashioned, pearl handled revolver.

While he was waiting in the car, Fields said, he heard a shot and the three others rushed out to his automobile, ordering him to drive back to Los Angeles as fast as possible.

He said the murder occurred about 3 p. m., two hours after they arrived in Los Angeles from Venice.

Eight or nine doors past the Taylor house and on the other side of the street, Fields said, Wong Lee stopped

TEX RICKARD IS AGAIN INDICTED

By Associated Press.

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—Tex Rickard, boxing promoter, today was indicted twice by a Supreme Court grand jury in charges of abducting Anna Hess and Nellie Ganko, young school girls, and his bail was raised from \$10,000 to \$25,000. The lower amount was fixed a few days ago when Rickard was charged with criminal assault upon two other girls, both 15 years old.

Rickard pleaded not guilty to both indictments today, as he had done to those previously returned against him. The Hess girl is 11 years old and the Ganko girl 14.

District Attorney Benton requested the higher bail because "it seemed from the public prints that Rickard no longer is connected with the business interests that he formerly had in this county."

100 HURT IN JAP SUFFRAGE RIOTING

TOKYO, Feb. 23. (By the Associated Press).—Disorders broke out in Tokyo this evening in connection with demonstrations in favor of the suffrage movement. By 3 o'clock tonight a total of fifty arrests had been made and 100 persons had been more or less battered by police reserves who were called to quell the disturbances.

The crowds of demonstrators became disorderly at 7 o'clock this evening when 1000 persons tried to break through the police lines and reach the headquarters of the Kensei-Kai party, or Opposition, near the Diet building.

The Diet adjourned for the day at 7:45 o'clock and its members, escorted by a heavy guard of police, ran the gamut of the jeering thousands gathered outside.

It was estimated today that \$20,000 in property for the extension of the suffrage had been filed.

EARL ROGERS IS DEAD IN SOUTH

By International News Service.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 23.—Apparently stricken with heart trouble shortly after he awakened and while preparing to dress, Earl Rogers, for years one of the most noted criminal lawyers in the West, was found dead at noon today in his room at a hotel in North Broadway.

George Ellis, employee of a local law firm, found the body when he went to the hotel to call upon Rogers.

"The body was found in a closet of the room, in which was a wash basin, Rogers apparently fell dead while washing his face preparatory to dressing."

Rogers was well known in San Francisco, his most notable appearance here being as a defense counsel in the Calhoun graft case.

Irish Opinion at Variance on Delay Of National Vote

DUBLIN, Feb. 23. (By the Associated Press).—General satisfaction seems to be felt in southern Ireland over yesterday's surprise decision of the Ard Fheis for a three months' adjournment at the end of which the people will be asked to vote on a constitution as well as on the Anglo-Irish treaty.

This opinion is not unanimous, however. Many heartily endorse the convention's gratification at the preservation of the Sinn Féin's unity, but some staunch supporters of the treaty are disappointed and inclined to believe that the agreement was clearly a repudiation of the treaty.

One question much discussed in some quarters is what is going to happen to the treaty bill now before the Imperial parliament which it is contended is shattered to a great extent by the Ard Fheis' decision.

8 Story Geary St. Death Leap

BLACKMAIL DEATH PLOT HITS SOCIAL LEADERS

By International News Service.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—A sensation which has kept Washington social circles in a future for ten days came to light today when it was learned that a number of the most prominent natures in capital society have received letters threatening them with death unless they gave up sums varying between \$15,000 and \$25,000.

Among those who have received the letters are Mrs. Stephen H. Elkins, whose son is a United States senator from West Virginia; Mrs. Henry White, wife of the diplomat and former member of the American peace commission at Paris, and Mrs. Scott Townsend.

The letters were similar in each instance. It was said, and demanded that the recipients deposit huge sums of money at designated places around Washington on the pain of having their magnificent homes blown up "during social affairs."

The letters were not of the ordinary "black hand" type, but, on the contrary, were written on paper of good quality and in faultless English.

LETTER GIVEN POLICE

The first letter is understood to have been received a week ago. It was turned over to the police and to Department of Justice agents. Guards were stationed around the homes of the recipients.

In the case of Mrs. Scott Townsend, the writer demanded \$15,000. Warnings were given that violence would befall Mrs. Townsend if there was any attempt at "double crossing."

POLICE WOMAN IN DINGHIE

Yesterday afternoon Mrs. Miss C. Van Winkle, in charge of the women's bureau of the police department, disguised herself as Mrs. Townsend, took an automobile and went to the spot designated in the letter. She deposited a bundle of blank paper and drove rapidly away. Detectives were planted all around the spot, and although they maintained a vigil for some hours, no one appeared to claim the money.

236 Bottles Booze Seized on Vessel

A force of inspectors working under Surveyor of Port Lawrence J. Fishery today seized 236 bottles of whisky on board the Pacific Mail steamer Newport, which arrived from Panama.

DIES SUDDENLY

By Associated Press.

STOCKTON, Feb. 23.—P. W. Madison, president of the Western Loan and Building Company of Salt Lake City, died suddenly here today in his room at a hotel. He came to Stockton to address the directors of a branch company recently formed here.

10,000 Railroad Men Face Slash On Overtime Pay

By Associated Press.

CHICAGO, Feb. 23.—Another pay slash, this time hitting 10,000 railroad stationary firemen and others, was made by the United States Railroad Labor Board today when it announced rules effective March 1 eliminating extra pay until after the tenth hour and setting up a "split trick" of eight hours within a spread of twelve without any overtime pay.

Following several other decisions virtually restoring the ten hour day for railroad workers, the board today authorized the roads to pay only pro rata wages after the regular eight hours which the board retained in principle as constituting a day's work.

Time and one-half will be paid after ten hours. The board today authorized the roads to pay only pro rata wages after the regular eight hours which the board retained in principle as constituting a day's work.

In the case of the split trick straight time will be paid for the first ten hours work, whether included in the twelve hour spread or not, and time and one-half will be given thereafter.

Formerly the firemen and others, all of whom work around railroad shops, were paid time and one-half after eight hours.

Sundays and holidays will be paid for at the pro rata rate, a minimum of three hours pay being made for two hours work or less.

Monthly rated employees' wages are to be adjusted to eliminate the old time and one-half provisions.

Ten rules regarding discipline, grievances, discrimination against committee men and similar matters were recommended to the employees and the roads for further negotiation.

The board's new rules supplant the national agreement made during federal control, which has been in effect since January 15, 1920.

CYCLONE HITS 2 OHIO TOWNS

By International News Service.

CHILLICOTHE, O., Feb. 23.—Thousands of dollars' damage was done to property today when a cyclone, with a 100 foot sweep, hit the villages of Yellow Bud and Nash, twenty miles north of this city.

A brick school was demolished and three residences stripped of their roofs at Yellow Bud. On the farm of Burr Rader, six miles south of Chillicothe, two barns were entirely demolished and stock killed.

WANTED

The following positions are vacant—see WANT AD section of THE CALL:

- 1 Motorcycle driver
- 1 Proofreader
- 1 Temp. stenog.
- 1 Bookkeeper
- 1 Multigraph opr.
- 1 Cashier
- 1 City solicitor
- 4 Stenographers
- 6 Salesmen

2 DIE, FIRES RAGE IN BIG NORTHWEST BLIZZARD

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Feb. 23. (By International News Service).—With a toll of two dead, several injured and a property loss through five states of the Northwest aggregating several hundred thousand dollars in fire started by lightning, a blinding blizzard which started on Tuesday, increased in violence today.

Trains on all lines entering the Twin Cities are at a standstill. At Duluth all work of clearing the roads and streets have been abandoned until there is a cessation of the storm.

Weather bureau officials this afternoon reported that the storm was centering over southwestern Wisconsin and moving northward.

Unemployed men in many cities have been put to work in an effort to reopen traffic. Street car traffic in several cities has been abandoned.

COLD WAVE CONTINUES

By Associated Press.

CHICAGO, Feb. 23.—The cold wave that has held the whole northwest in its grip for more than twenty-four hours continued there today and spread down through Iowa, Missouri, Oklahoma, Kansas and northern Texas, as well as east of the Mississippi River.

In Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma and northern Texas, the warm, soaking rains of yesterday had turned to sleet today with the sudden drop of temperature to below freezing. Streets in the cities and towns of the northwest were covered with sheets of ice.

In the northwest temperatures continued to fall with the mark reaching from 5 to 13 below zero in Minnesota and the Dakotas. Train schedules and wire communications were still seriously interrupted. One death was reported at Rochester, Minn., through a cold circled electric wires, due to the storm.

MISSOURI GLAZE STORY

By Associated Press.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Feb. 23.—Persons living in most sections of the Southwest slipped, skidded or skated about their business today as a result of a severe glaze storm.

Warm, soaking rains which fell yesterday over the greater part of Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma and northern Texas turned to sheets of ice when the temperature suddenly dropped during the night.

1 INCHES ICE

By Associated Press.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Feb. 23.—In some parts of southern Minnesota the ground at the Westminster Presbyterian Church here, is dead, aged 61.

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Society Matron Battles Blaze in Berkeley Home

Mrs. Alfred J. Tweedy, Berkeley society woman, unsuccessfully fought a fire in her home, 170 Capitano Avenue, in the exclusive Thousand Oaks section.

She called the fire department and the blaze was checked with a damage of \$1000.

The cause was a defective grate in the drawing room.

Missing N. Y. Widow, Believed Dead, Is Found in Chicago

By Associated Press.

CHICAGO, Feb. 23.—Mrs. E. S. Cheatham, wealthy New York widow, who for several months was believed to have been dead, was located here today living in a rented room in a South Side residential section inhabited largely by persons of only moderate means. Mrs. Cheatham said she had purposely hidden herself in the hope that her disappearance would prevent a divorce between her daughter and son-in-law.

"Mr. Mayo, my son in law, blamed me for all the trouble with his wife—my daughter, Charlotte—and I thought that if they believed me dead there would be no more difficulty," Mrs. Cheatham told reporters today after confining her identity.

"The case dragged and dragged and I don't know what will happen now." Her clothing was found in a bathing locker last summer, but until today no trace of her was found.

NEWS DOWN TO THE LAST MINUTE

LABORERS O. K. CITY WAGE CUT

The Laborers' Union today notified T. A. Reardon, president of the Board of Works, that its members would accept \$5 a day wages, instead of the present \$6, for city work during the next fiscal year.

TWO FREED IN GIRL'S CHARGES

Statutory charges against Stanley McCormick and Walter Turner, arrested in connection with an alleged attack upon Miss Katherine Connell early today, were dismissed this afternoon by Police Judge Sylvester McAtee. Harry Hoyle, the third man jailed, was convicted of battery and will be sentenced tomorrow.

FOLSOM CONVICT AGAIN ESCAPES

By Associated Press.

EUREKA, Feb. 23.—Fred Anderson, serving a sentence in Folsom prison from Santa Clara County for grand larceny, escaped from the convict road camp at Willow Creek. Armed guards have started a search for him. He and others escaped three weeks ago and a gun fight ensued before the men were captured.

DESPONDENT HOTEL GUEST JUMPS OFF BUILDING

On the morning of his scheduled appearance in court to answer a charge of obtaining money by false pretenses Charles W. Guy, 40, specialty salesman of Pasadena, leaped eight stories to death early today from the roof of the Maryland Hotel, 490 Geary street.

On his person was found a letter he had received yesterday from his wife. The letter had evidently been written by an anguished, heart broken woman who sought to convey a message of love and cheer.

When Guy's name was called in the court of Police Judge Lila T. Jacks, Prosecuting Attorney John Orcutt notified the court of the defendant's

death and the case was stricken from the calendar. He mentioned the finding of the letter from Guy's wife and the fact that it revealed the family was in financial straits.

OFFERS WIFE FUND

At this Frank Mattison, 441 Twenty-fourth street, who had caused Guy's arrest, arose and offered to release from the property clerk and turn over to Mrs. Guy the sum of \$100 which

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GIRL KILLS BETRAYER IN COURTROOM

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STOCK FRAUD PROBE

BRADY WAR ON WIDOW SWINDLERS MAPPED

Activities of a ring of worthless stock promoters, operating in San Francisco and preying principally upon guileless widows and working men, are to be presented before the county grand jury for full investigation and prosecution, it was announced today by District Attorney Matthew Brady.

Already preliminary conferences have been held between Brady and officials of the State Corporation department, the latter having promised its co-operation in ridding San Francisco of objectionable promoters and salesmen.

Brady said today that of late his office had been flooded with complaints from men and women—widows have been largely in the majority—who were duped.

The investigation is to start within a month, Brady said, as soon as some of the preliminary arrangements for the third trial of Roscoe ("Patty") Arbuckle have been disposed of.

Joseph O'Connor, assistant district attorney, will aid Brady in the presentation of complaints before the county grand jury.

Regarding the situation, Brady said today:

"Of late there has been an alarming influx of irresponsible and crooked stock promoters and salesmen into San Francisco. Most of them have been driven out of eastern cities. I intend to show them that they will have to leave San Francisco or go to jail."

"Many complaints from victims already have reached my office. I am ready to prosecute all such stock manipulators against whom there is evidence and the complaints of victims will be welcomed at my office."

Tariff Valuation Issue Undecided

By Associated Press. Feb. 24.—Senate finance committee, it was disclosed today, still are rewriting ad valorem rates in the Fordney tariff bill on the basis of foreign valuation. It was explained, however, this did not mean that there had been a final decision to adopt this principle, to which Chairman Fordney and other Republicans of the House ways and means committee have interposed strenuous objections.

Oil Freight Rate Inquiry Continued

By Associated Press. Feb. 24.—The Interstate Commerce Commission continued today its investigation of petroleum rates in connection with its inquiry into general freight levels. F. W. Holt, traffic manager for the National Petroleum Association, declared the existing rate structure applying to oil products represented increases of 110 per cent since 1914.

\$8000 Street Holdup In Kansas City, Mo.

By Associated Press. Feb. 24.—Four holdups held up Walter A. Estes, proprietor of the Estes Mercantile Company, shortly after he left the Live-Stock State Bank today and escaped with \$8000 cash.

"Natty Novel" Contest FUN FOR YOU AND MONEY, TOO See Page 19

Whisky Limit for Next 10 Years Is 38,000,000 Gallons

By International News Service. WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—The United States will have to get along with 38,000,000 gallons of whisky during the next ten years, according to a decision reached today by Prohibition Commissioner Haynes following a survey of the entire prohibition situation and a series of conferences with enforcement officials.

During the ten-year period there will be no importations of whisky and none will be manufactured in this country. It was Haynes' edict that the medical needs of the United States require only 3,800,000 gallons of whisky a year in the present stage of consumption.

J. D.'s Granddaughter To Wed Oser in May

ZURICH, Switzerland, Feb. 24 (By the Associated Press).—The wedding of Miss Mathilde McCormick, the 16-year-old daughter of Harold F. McCormick, to Miss Oser, a riding master of Zurich, will take place in May at the McCormick country seat near Chicago, according to present plans.

Oser, who is still absent from Zurich, has accepted the conditions under which the McCormick family gave their consent to the match, which were that he take up his residence in the United States and become a citizen of that country.

Oser's father was a cavalry riding master of Basel who lost most of his fortune by an adventurous expedition into Africa. Later he founded the Basle University (Hilting School). The mother belonged to a good old Basle family named Mouggi, which was not of German origin.

Oser has a married sister in South Africa and a brother who is farming in Argentina.

France Decorates Newspaper Owner

By Associated Press. Feb. 24.—John C. Shaffer, head of the Shaffer newspaper and publisher of the Chicago Evening Post, was decorated with the French Legion of Honor today in recognition of the services of his papers to humanity.

The decoration was conferred by Antoine Barthelmy, consul general of the French republic, at a luncheon at the Chicago Club.

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- 1 Biller
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- 2 Temporary stenogs.
- 1 Bookkeeper
- 1 Cashier
- 2 Multigraph oprs.
- 1 City collector
- 14 Stenographers
- 3 Salesmen

S. F. COMBED FOR THREE SAN QUENTIN ESCAPES

A dragnet was thrown over San Francisco, and the entire bay region today for three convicts who escaped from San Quentin last night.

Two of the men had records of previous escapes. One, supposedly the leader, was Richard A. Palmer, notorious hotel thief, said to have secured \$30,000 in San Francisco hotel burglaries.

It is believed the men were probably the accomplices of William Clark, who was discovered Sunday when he had almost finished a tunnel under the walls.

The three who got away last night, with a two-hour start, made a rope of coats and a pair of overalls and slid down the blower house, which operates a fan ventilating the jute mill. It was from the jute mill that Clark's tunnel led.

The search was hampered by the illness of fifteen of the prison's 100 guards.

FOURTH CAPTURED

A fourth prisoner was captured as he was walking out in the stolen garments of a clergyman. This prisoner, Herbert Holman, said once to have been a British major and the victor in eleven airplane battles, was in solitary confinement today.

The three escapes were: Richard Palmer, aged 23; height, 5 feet 6 inches; weight, 137 pounds, civil engineer.

Willis H. Knowles, aged 23; 5 feet 11; 125 pounds; salesman.

Frank Clausen, aged 47; 5 feet 9; 145 pounds.

Palmer was captured in the Hotel St. Francis in 1919 when a woman guest saw him enter a room.

On November 22, 1917, he was arrested in Los Angeles for passing bad checks. There was no prosecution.

In April, 1918, as Alfred Palmer, he was given six months' probation on a petty larceny charge.

LONG ROBBERY RECORD

On March 7, 1919, he robbed a room in the Palace Hotel and the same day was caught in the St. Francis, the arrest being made by Harry Labbock, head of the Lubbock Detective Agency, and Police Detectives Frank Lord and David Murphy.

Palmer was accused of having robbed three other hotel rooms and five burglary charges were placed against him. Before Superior Judge Michael Roche he pleaded guilty to the St. Francis and Palace burglaries on April 19, 1919, and was given an indeterminate sentence of one to ten years.

In San Quentin he was made a trustee and did clerical work. On August 11, 1919, he escaped in disguise. He was caught in the East and while returning escaped from the train, but was recaptured.

The Navy Department also wants him as a deserter.

While he was at liberty after his first escape, he was declared by Lubbock to have been the man who held up Mrs. C. E. Miller of New York in her room at the Fairmont Hotel, taking jewelry worth \$5000, on July 5, 1920.

Palmer's hotel record caused the Burns Detective Agency today to take precautions to watch hotels in the hunt for him.

KNOWLES' CRIMES

Knowles was arrested in San Diego, October 11, 1918, and sent to Los Angeles on a grand larceny warrant. Jan. 1922.

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Three desperate convicts who escaped from San Quentin last night: Top, Frank Clausen; lower right, Willis R. Knowles; left, Richard A. Palmer.



Mabel Normand's Condition Grave, Declare Doctors

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 24 (By International News Service).—The condition of Mabel Normand, film star, ill from influenza, aggravated by her nervous breakdown following the murder of William Desmond Taylor, was described as "grave and critical" by her physicians at her secluded temporary home in Altadena today.

Instead of showing improvement, it was stated, Miss Normand lost strength during the night, a relapse that caused physicians to state that her condition was critical. Two nurses are in constant attendance on the noted comedienne and only her physicians are allowed to see her.

Telephone inquiries at the home of Miss Normand brought this brief statement: "Miss Normand's condition is grave. She is critically ill."

The actress, who was the last person who saw Taylor before he was slain and who collapsed at his funeral, moved to Altadena from her Los Angeles apartment for rest, to recuperate from her nervous breakdown.

She was stricken with influenza last Monday.

It was reported that she has been mentally paralyzed and that her temperature shows a tendency to the subnormal.

John A. Waldron, business manager of the studio at which Miss Normand's productions are filmed, issued a statement later in the day declaring that the actress' condition was not serious.

Sales Tax Proposal On Bonus Rejected

By Associated Press. Feb. 24.—A proposal to finance the soldiers' bonus by a sales tax is understood to have been rejected today by the special subcommittee of the Republican members of the House ways and means committee.

The proposition was said to have been supported by only three members, Representatives Longworth, Ohio; Watson, Pennsylvania; and Bacharach, New Jersey. It is understood that the proposal will be brought up again today at a meeting of all of the majority members of the ways and means committee.

U.S. Protests Jap Dope Rings

FILM DEATH CONFESSION VERIFIED IN 3 PHASES

Three points in Harry Fields' story on the Taylor murder as told in Detroit now seem verified by facts:

- 1—Fields was in Los Angeles on night of murder as indicated by rent receipts found in his effects.
- 2—Heilmann, Day and Night Bank teller in Los Angeles, changed \$1000 bill for man on or about February 2.
- 3—Wong Lee, Chinese named in Fields' "confession," known in Los Angeles, disappeared coincident with Fields' first statement, police say.

SHERIFF SAYS FIELDS' NEW STORY PLAUSIBLE

By Associated Press. DETROIT, Feb. 25.—Fresh details of the alleged conspiracy which brought about the killing of William Desmond Taylor, as given today by Harry M. Fields, a forger and prisoner in the county jail, were declared by Sheriff Coffin to be "very plausible."

The sheriff declined to reveal the new story.

Efforts were renewed today to locate a book, in the name of "Sam Coffin," showing a deposit of \$150 in a Chicago bank on February 2, and which, according to the detective who arrested Fields in Buffalo, February 6, was in the prisoner's possession. Fields is said to have admitted he sometimes used the name of "Coffin."

The authorities plan to confront Fields with the bank book and ask him to explain a deposit in Chicago within a day after Taylor was slain in Los Angeles.

Sheriff Coffin also planned to question Fields further concerning the automobile in which he said he drove two men, one of them a Chinese, and a woman to the Taylor apartments on the night of the murder. Fields professed not to remember the license

GIRL DRAWS GUN IN COURT, KILLS MAN WHO RUINED HER

By Associated Press. WACO, Tex., Feb. 24.—Miss Marlene Matthews, 17 years old, shot and instantly killed J. S. Crosslin today during proceedings in the District Court here. He was charged with criminally attacking the girl, who is pretty, two years ago.

Crosslin was tried, convicted and sentenced to nine years in the penitentiary, but the case was reversed on an error in the admission of testimony and remanded for trial.

The preliminaries had been completed and Miss Matthews had been called to the witness stand.

He disrespected me, ruined my health and deprived me of school privileges," she stated after the killing. "But he will never ruin another girl."

Crosslin was 39 years old.

SHE SHOOT TILL

Miss Matthews walked to the witness chair, then turned with a pistol in hand, fired straight at Crosslin, who sat in a chair beside his attorney's fifteen feet away. She took two or three steps forward and fired again. Advancing to within three feet of the man, who had collapsed in his chair, she shot a third time, the bullet penetrating Crosslin's side.

W. H. Forester, counsel for Crosslin, seized the girl just after the third shot was fired and almost at the same time Officer Burton reached her, and taking her in his arms, carried her out of the courtroom. He took the weapon from her and locked her in a room in the sheriff's office.

The girl is the daughter of W. E. Matthews, who resided here when the alleged attack was committed, living in one of Crosslin's houses. The family now resides at Rosburg, Tex. The father was in the city but was not in the courtroom when the shooting occurred. Complaint has been filed charging her with murder.

COURT IN CONFUSION

Confusion reigned in the courtroom. Judge Munroe dismissed the jury indefinitely. Crosslin was taken from the chair and laid on the floor.

The shots were heard in every part of the courthouse. Few persons were present at that early hour.

Crosslin was in the real estate business, and when the charge was filed against him it created a sensation. He had a wife and several children.

The Matthews girl, then only 15 years old, testified to her condition, for which she said Crosslin was responsible. She had given birth to a child, which necessitated an operation. She declares her health was destroyed. She is a little girl, weighing not more than ninety pounds, and was as calm as any man while shooting, and remained so.

SMUGGLING BY SAILORS AT S. F. IS BARED

By International News Service. WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—The United States has made a formal protest to the Japanese government against the smuggling of opium, morphine, heroin and other narcotics into this country by means of Japanese steamships. It was learned today.

Replying to the American complaint the Tokyo foreign office has informed this government that effort will be made to prevent illegal traffic in drugs and has requested Japanese ship

Amnesia Victim Identified After Four Years

By Associated Press. DAYTON, O., Feb. 24.—The youth known as "Harold Payton" at the National Military Home here, who has not known his real identity since being released from the Brooklyn navy yard hospital in November, 1917, was identified today as Lawrence Keeling, son of W. H. Keeling, mine operator and ranchman of Heath, Mont.

Keeling has been suffering from amnesia as a result of being hit over the head with a piece of steel while playing the U. S. S. Sinquebanna in the Bay of Biscay. In his wanderings as a nameless man he recalled he served for a year as chauffeur to Ruth Island, motion picture actress, in California.

Identification was brought about when the father saw a picture of his son in a Montana newspaper as "Harold Payton," the man without a name.

NEWS DOWN TO THE LAST MINUTE

FIVE DIE AS GAS VICTIMS

By Associated Press. SANTA BARBARA, Feb. 24.—Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Gray, their two children, a boy of 6 and a girl of 3, besides a nurse, Miss Lillian Spencer, were killed today by inhaling carbon monoxide gas, which filled the Gray home here from a gas water heater.

FEMALE IMPERSONATOR JAILED

Charles Downes, a female impersonator, was arrested today, accused of wholesale frauds through ordering goods by phone, in a woman's voice, and presenting worthless checks when collecting the goods as agent of the supposed woman buyer.

RAIL, LABOR HEADS END MEETING

SPRINGFIELD, Mo., Feb. 24.—The conference between representatives of the St. Louis and San Francisco Railway Company and labor leaders representing the Federated Shopcrafts of the road was completed here late yesterday.

Millionaires Black N. Y. Astor Building

By Associated Press. NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—J. P. Morgan and a half dozen other millionaires who live in the Murray Hill section, won their fight today to prevent the estate of Baron William Waldorf Astor from erecting a seven-story building on Madison avenue, between Thirty-fifth and Thirty-sixth streets.

The appellate division of the Supreme Court handed down a decision upholding the lower court's ruling that the proposed structure violated the city's zoning plan laws.

12,000 MINERS QUIT

MADRID, Feb. 24.—Reports from the Pinaros district, where 12,000 miners were ordered on strike Wednesday, indicate that the cessation of work is general.

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U. S. Clerk Held As Society Blackmailer

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—District police and operatives of the Department of Justice this afternoon arrested George E. Long, a clerk in the War Department, on a charge of having written letters to a number of Washington society leaders, threatening them with death unless they gave up sums of money varying between \$15,000 and \$25,000 each.

Long is 40 years old and has a wife and two children. He is employed in the bureau of Insular Affairs.

Grief for Dead Babe Is Cause of Suicide

By Associated Press. LOS ANGELES, Feb. 24.—Mrs. George Breerton of Huntington Park spent two weeks grieving for her dead babe, and then today, locked herself in her bedroom and a single shot was heard. Neighbors called deputy sheriff, who found the woman's body lying on her bed, with some mementoes of her dead child nearby.

Doctor Shot in Peaks Tunnel Holdup

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FIREBUG SUSPECT JAILED

PLOT TO ROB WIFE BELIEF OF WOUNDED PHYSICIAN

Fired upon by two thugs, he says, near the entrance of the Twin Peaks tunnel last night, Dr. Edward F. Fogarty, 2248 Green street, is under treatment today for a wound of the left arm and bruises of the forehead.

According to the physician's story, he was on his way to a friend's home in Balboa street to call for Mrs. Fogarty. Near the entrance to the tunnel two shots rang out, both going through the windshield and one taking effect in his left arm.

He drew his machine to the sidewalk and two men approached him. They looked in back of the machine and one of the men, stated Dr. Fogarty, said, "He's alone."

The men, according to the physician, did not attempt to rob him, but he is certain they expected to find Mrs. Fogarty in the machine.

"Mrs. Fogarty had several valuable pieces of jewelry with her," said Dr. Fogarty, "and more than \$1000. I believe the thugs knew of this and wanted to rob my wife."

Dr. Fogarty stated that after the incident he went direct to his office and dressed his wound. Later he went home.

Faith Hope Weds Max Baas of Seattle

By International News Service. LOS ANGELES, Feb. 25.—Telegraph wires were hot today with congratulatory messages to Faith Hope, motion picture actress, now in the Grand Canyon, when it was learned of her marriage to Max Baas, well known business man of Seattle, Wash. In real life Mrs. Baas was Faith Hope Hlaas, but on the screen she discarded her last name.

After the honeymoon the bride and bridegroom will make their home in Seattle.

5238 Cases 'Flu' Reported in Week

SACRAMENTO, Feb. 25 (By International News Service).—An increase in the number of cases of influenza was noted by the State Board of Health in its report today which shows that there were 5238 cases of "flu" reported in California during the week ending last Saturday. Health officers state that (but for the epidemic) has been mild in form and that few deaths have occurred.

Killam Is Named Building Chief

By Associated Press. SACRAMENTO, Feb. 25.—Frank M. Killam of Sacramento today was appointed superintendent of building operations and maintenance of the capitol to succeed W. S. Conger of San Bernardino, resigned.

Conger offered his resignation to Shreve a couple of days ago. The change will take place March 1.

FAMED GIRL DIES

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 25.—Doris Rice, barely 12 years old, but considered one of the best actresses in southern California, is dead here.

LET CO-EDS '50-50' ON PARTIES, SAYS U. C. MAN; STORM BREAKS!

A storm broke today about the head of Reginald K. Hoyt, a senior student at the University of California, when it became known that the Berkeley campus that Hoyt had prepared a paper for one of the campus publications expressing advanced views on sex equality.

Hoyt, known as "Poodle" on the campus, is said to have given notice in his article that hereafter when he takes a co-ed to a party, the girl must be prepared to stand half of the expense.

Co-eds, he asserts, should be compelled to go 50-50 on taxi hire or other expenditures incident to student good times.

"Since the co-eds have gained equal rights in student governing and command representation on campus publications," Hoyt is quoted as saying, "the men are under no obligation to them."

In future when I take a girl to a party I'll put down my half, and if the girl won't put down her half there'll be nothing to cry about so far as I'm concerned."

Hoyt is former president of the 1922 class and a member of the Kappa Alpha Fraternity.

"It will never work out," said Miss Harlow Wilson, prominent in the 1922 Panhellenic, commenting on Hoyt's ultimatum. "There are too many men anxious to take out the girls without charging them for it for Mr. Hoyt's views to mean anything."

And here's what Miss Madeline Pardee, member of the 1200 Club of Oakland, and daughter of ex-Governor Pardee, says: "This will be a bitter blow to the girls. But perhaps he's broke."

Wood L. Hill, alias Lewis Wood Hill, alleged ringleader of a strange nationwide "cult" of pyromaniacs, who was captured yesterday at Modesto after a chase from Nevada that led through San Francisco, today waived extradition and will be interrogated on suspicion that he may be responsible for numerous fires that mystified the police and fire departments here a month ago, being then attributed to an elusive pyromaniac.

He is wanted on more definite charges of having set five fires in Fallon, Nev., and one in Reno. Agents say he has a record as a firebug and has been the "master mind" of a peculiar coterie that has during the last fifteen years caused fires throughout the United States to the extent of millions of dollars.

JAILED IN MODESTO
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ARSON RING CHIEF HELD FOR QUIZ ON PLOTS

Wood L. Hill, alias Lewis Wood Hill, alleged ringleader of a strange nationwide "cult" of pyromaniacs, who was captured yesterday at Modesto after a chase from Nevada that led through San Francisco, today waived extradition and will be interrogated on suspicion that he may be responsible for numerous fires that mystified the police and fire departments here a month ago, being then attributed to an elusive pyromaniac.

He is wanted on more definite charges of having set five fires in Fallon, Nev., and one in Reno. Agents say he has a record as a firebug and has been the "master mind" of a peculiar coterie that has during the last fifteen years caused fires throughout the United States to the extent of millions of dollars.

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Rich Women Lose \$1,000,000 in New 'Ponzi' Gold Pool

By Associated Press. NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—Further disclosures concerning the "Domino Club" pool into which Alfred E. Lindsey, broker, is alleged to have induced a score of women to pour their gold, indicate that the women's loss would pass the \$1,000,000 mark. It was said today at the district attorney's office. The figure originally was put at \$500,000. Lindsey has disappeared.

Circulars bearing photographs of the broker were being sent broadcast but the chief search was being conducted in Canada.

The grand jury Monday will start hearing testimony of society women and others who contributed to Lindsey's pool.

GRAND JURY PROBE

Ten women already have been summoned to appear before the grand jury and District Attorney Barton expected the publicity of the case would bring in more complaints.

The list of alleged victims of the missing brokers is headed by Mrs. Lillian M. Duke, divorced wife of James B. Duke, "tobacco king," who claims she entrusted \$225,000 to the engaging Lindsey.

The list of alleged victims and the sums they are said to have lost follow:

Mrs. Lillian M. Duke	\$225,000
Mrs. Dorothy Atwood	\$75,000
Mrs. Catherine Adams	\$50,000
Mrs. Elizabeth Wilson	\$25,000
Mrs. W. H. Arnold	\$25,000
Mrs. Margaret Burt	\$15,000
Mrs. Helen Barnett	\$15,000
Mrs. Adelaide V. Rice	\$15,000
Mrs. Josephine A. Cornell	\$10,000
Mrs. Florence James	\$5,000

ALURED BY PROMISES

Blen songs of quick and fabulous profits induced the women to dispose of securities they held and put their cash equivalent in Lindsey's hands.

Murphy said, Lindsey's favorite story, he declared, was that he was a fellow member with George F. Baker, Thomas W. Lamont, Charles E. Smith, Percy N. Rockefeller, James A. Sullivan and other giants of the financial district, in a millionaire's domino club, where the time not spent in playing dominoes was given over to planning big "take-ings" in Wall Street.

SLAYER OF 10 WOMEN IS EXECUTED AT DAWN

By International News Service. VERSAILLES, Feb. 25.—In the misty dawn Henri Landru, France's arch murderer, was beheaded on the guillotine before the gate of St. Pierre prison today. He had been found guilty on November 30 of the murder of ten women to whom he had made love and offered marriage, and a boy, the son of one of his feminine victims.

Landru protested his innocence to the very end.

"I will be brave," were the last words he uttered just before the knife fell.

It was about eight minutes after 6 o'clock when Landru rolled on the execution block. He carried with him into the great beyond his secret of the missing women he was convicted of slaying or their savings.

MOBBED CROWD GASTRES
A crowd of morbidly curious persons, including numerous women, had gathered before the guillotine before daybreak.

Promptly at 6 o'clock the bugler in the neighboring barracks began to blow the reveille. The sharp notes of the bugle officially proclaimed it daybreak.

The crowd stirred expectantly, knowing that Landru would soon be led forth to his doom.

Landru had been awake in the prison since 4 o'clock. When he was led before the gate he stared at the crowd, but if he was looking for his real wife and his children he was disappointed. They were not present.

LANDRU TOLD TO PREPARE
At 5:15 a little group of prison officials entered Landru's cell and told him to prepare for the end. The condemned man's hands were tied behind his back and his feet were loosely hobbled, permitting him to shuffle down the stairs from the third cell row.

"Once Landru remarked to the executioner and his assistants who were leading him to the guillotine:

"Please don't hold my arms so tight."

The doomed man spoke cheerfully and pleasantly.

"As is customary in France, Landru signed the prison register on his way out."

LIGHT FLOODS CELL
To speed the work of the executioner a high power arc light was burning in the prison court, flooding the guillotine with its rays.

Landru stopped before it for a moment and his body threw a heavy shadow across the foot of the death scaffold.

Landru was pale but stood erect and appeared cool. For perhaps ten seconds Landru stood still and silent facing the guillotine.

While he hesitated, the chief executioner and his assistants forced Landru forward, bending his head upon the sliding board. The instant the doomed man's head slid into the fatal aperture, the knife dropped and Landru's head rolled into a basket partly filled with sawdust. The whole thing took less than three minutes.

PLACED IN COFFIN
The alert assistant stood beside the guillotine with outstretched hands. Hardly had the murderer's head fallen into the decapitation basket than they grabbed it. Hardly had the echoes of the knife's thud died away before the body had been placed in a coffin with the head joined to the neck.

The coffin had been in a closed wrapp beside the guillotine.

The men in the crowd bared their heads during the decapitation and a little group of cavaliers who were present to prevent disorder saluted with their sabres.

The chief executioner made a little bow in Wall Street.

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Henri Desire Landru, "Blue-beard of Cambes," who paid the death penalty at dawn today for the murder of ten women and a boy.—Photo by "INTERNATIONAL."



2 Prison Escape Suspects Trapped In Sonoma Hills

Two men, believed to be of the party of three that escaped from San Quentin

L. A. SLEUTHS IN 2 CITIES TO ROUND UP SUSPECTS

The net is closing in on the suspected murderer of William Desmond Taylor, noted film director.

From Los Angeles today the long tentacles of the law reached to San Francisco and Chicago, prepared, it is reported, to swoop down upon and clutch witnesses and those implicated in the slaying mystery that has baffled a nation.

"That sensational development may be expected in San Francisco at any moment was strongly indicated today with the arrival here from Los Angeles of Detective Sergeant Cline, who has been one of the most active sleuths in the quest for the slayer."

He is in San Francisco under "sealed orders."

"We expect developments here," Cline admitted early today just after a conference with Captain of Detectives Duncan Matheson at the Hall of Justice.

"I was sent up here to be on the ground."

And arriving in Chicago today were

NEWS DOWN TO THE LAST MINUTE.

NET CHAMP WINS TITLE MATCH
By Associated Press. BOSTON, Feb. 25.—C. C. Pell, national racquet champion, today successfully defended his title against Hewitt Morgan. In the final match Pell scored 15-10, 15-5, 15-3.

SCOTS BEAT ERIN RUGGERS
By Associated Press. LONDON, Feb. 25.—Scotland defeated Ireland six to three and England and France played to an 11-11 tie in international Rugby games today.

BRITISH GOVERNMENT AGAIN DEFEATED
By Associated Press. LONDON, Feb. 25 (By Associated Press).—The government today suffered its third serious electoral defeat in by-elections within a week at the election in the Bodmin division of Cornwall.

PORTLAND PLAYER REFUSES TO PLAY
By Associated Press. PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 25.—Robert McCann, youthful shortstop, club by the Philadelphia American League to the Portland club of the Pacific Coast League, has decided not to go West this season, it was announced today.

Also Los Angeles detectives—five of them—according to an International News Service dispatch. They immediately began an investigation of a "hot tip."

After a short consultation with Chief Higgins of the Chicago detective bureau, the sleuths left the bureau by automobile without revealing their destination or plans, according to the eastern advices.

Sergeant H. S. Hamilton, one of the detectives, said they "understood" a man was hiding there who was about the Taylor hangout several days before the movie director was slain.

"He is not an actor, that is all I can say," was Hamilton's comment.

It became known today that Cline had been suddenly ordered to San Francisco from Sacramento, where he had been investigating an angle in the Taylor case.

SECRET MOVEMENT
Following a protracted conference with Captain Matheson, he hurried

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ELOPERS GO TO JAIL INSTEAD OF ALTAR

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SHIP SUBSIDY PLAN BEFORE PRESIDENT, SOLONS

By WILLIAM HARD
Washington Special Correspondent.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—Ships! That's a word that's going to have a big run in Washington this week. Every week is bonus week now, but this week looks also like ship week. The President will be going out for merchant ships and the Navy Department will be going out for naval ships.

The President has finished mastering the large and long reports on merchant ships made to him by Mr. Lusk of the Shipping Board, and the Republican members of the Senate Commerce Committee and the House Marine Committee have been studying those reports, too, and it looks as though the leaders of the Republican party were in pretty close agreement.

The President will go to Congress officially, and as far as he can do it, he will put the national will—and a good bit of national public money—behind the proposition that on the high seas there now shall be a permanent and powerful American merchant marine. If he has his way about it, there are lots of little boys in America who think they are going to be street car conductors, but who are really going to be sailors.

I am told in Congress that every member of the Republican Senate Commerce committee has expressed himself in favor of the general principle of the idea of national aid to the proposition of American ships with American seamen on them. I remember that Congressman Gardner of Massachusetts used to have large numbers of old prints of American ships on the walls of his house.

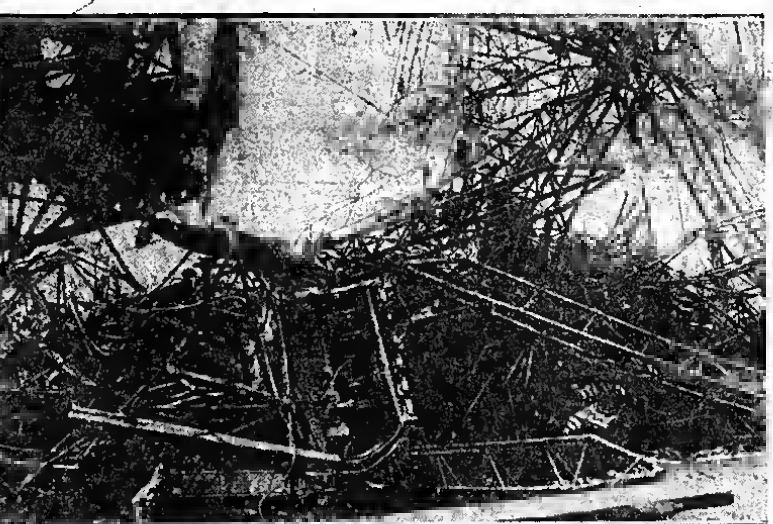
They were sailing ships. They belonged to members of his family long dead. They belonged to days when it was one of our national pastimes to race British ships across the Atlantic. We could often beat them—then. We do not beat them now. The idea is to get back to being as good as we used to be.

But there seems to be no reason why

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WRECKAGE OF FIRE-SWEPT ROMA

A view of the entangled wires and framework of the giant air monster that crashed with a loss of thirty-four lives, showing the powerful Liberty motors that were recently installed, replacing the Italian engines, and under which many bodies of victims were found.—"INTERNATIONAL" photo.



PAIR GO TO JAIL INSTEAD OF ALTAR

When they appeared today at the Alameda County marriage license bureau to obtain a license to wed, Clarence Henshel, giving his age as 31 and his residence as Menlo Park, and Adele Johnson, who gave her age as 18 and her residence as Redwood City, were turned over to a policeman.

Parents of the pair had notified the authorities to withhold a marriage license.

Henshel and Miss Johnson were taken to the city prison, where they were detained pending the arrival of the parents.

Control of Radio Service Urged By Secretary Hoover

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27 (By the International News Service).—Congress will be asked to extend the powers of the Department of Commerce to establish better regulation and control of operators of radio telephone and telegraph, Secretary of Commerce Hoover said today, opening the radio conference assembly here at the suggestion of President Harding.

"Either traffic" has become so congested, Secretary Hoover said, that a new system for variation in radio wave lengths must be evolved to protect the radio and insure its highest development. Rigid policing of the air by the government is necessary to prevent the value of the radio from being destroyed.

Hoover advised the conference to devise a plan to govern the number of radio sending stations.

MRS. WELCH FUNERAL
The funeral of Mrs. Bertha L. Welch, noted as a philanthropist, was held today from St. Ignace Church, to which she gave large sums. Burial was at Holy Cross Cemetery.

Morse, 3 Sons, 7 Others Indicted on Ship Board Deals

By Associated Press.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—Indictments against Charles W. Morse, New York shipbuilder, his three sons; Colin H. Livingstone of Washington and seven other persons were returned today by the federal grand jury for wartime transactions of Morse and some of his associates with the Shipping Board.

Others named in the indictments as presented to the District of Columbia Supreme Court include: R. O. White of New York, former president of the United States Transport Company; George M. Burdette of New York, it. M. Much of Augusta, Me.; W. W. Scott, Washington attorney; D. W. Christie of Alexandria, Va.; Nehemiah Campbell of New York, and Philip Rhinehart of Baltimore, former government auditor at the Virginia Shipbuilding Plant.

\$700,000 N. Y. Society Swindler Indicted

By Associated Press.
NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—At the end of a dramatic session in which a witness, Mrs. Dorothy Atwood, New York society woman, became hysterical and interrupted the proceedings, the grand jury today returned an indictment charging first degree grand larceny against Alfred E. Lindsay, a former stock broker. Lindsay's operations among wealthy men and women are alleged to have netted him \$700,000.

Mrs. Lindsay was indicted on complaint of Mrs. W. H. Arnold, who testified she gave him \$17,000 on December 21, which was to have been invested in a supposed pool to buy stock.

Mrs. Lindsay E. Burke, divorced wife of the "tobacco king," testified she lost \$375,000 in her dealings with Lindsay.

GREATER ORIENT TRADE FORECAST

Large increase in trade between San Francisco and the Orient, the result of the recent arms conference, is predicted by Louis Demerutsky, assistant director of the bureau of foreign and domestic commerce of the Department of Commerce, who arrived in San Francisco today on a tour of inspection of the branch offices of his bureau.

For sixteen years Demerutsky has been at the head of the division of foreign tariff. From representatives in all parts of the world this division receives reports concerning customs and tariff in original texts. The information thus received is transmitted to all exporters and others interested.

"The problem in foreign trade," said Demerutsky at the Custom House today, "is not so much that of production as of distribution. There is overproduction of certain things in the United States and South America."

China, according to Demerutsky, is only waiting for the final details of agreements reached at the arms conference to seek American capital. Japan, he says, is not looking to any great extent for loans in America.

The Dutch East Indies, added Demerutsky, recently borrowed \$100,000 from American interests, and he looks forward to a considerable trade between the United States and those islands.

Woman, Babe Fall Into Open Fire

Special Dispatch to The Call.
SAN JOSE, Feb. 27.—Mrs. John Marton and her 3-year-old infant today are suffering from severe burns received when the mother faltered while seated before an open fireplace and fell into the fire with the baby in her arms.

Members of the household rescued the two and beat out the flames. They will recover, although the baby probably will be permanently scarred.

S. F. WOMAN SOUGHT IN FILM PLOT MYSTERY

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 27.—(By International News Service).—A complaint charging Edward F. Sunde, now being sought as a suspect in the case, with the murder of William Desmond Taylor will probably be issued before the investigation of the slaying lapses into a passive stage. It was learned at the district attorney's office today.

A Los Angeles detective working with San Francisco police today was attempting to trace three telegrams sent by a motion picture actress in Los Angeles to a San Francisco friend on the night of the murder of William Desmond Taylor, noted film director.

The sender of these telegrams is declared to be the same woman whose frantic voice over the long distance telephone wire on the murder night to this same friend stated that she was "in trouble" and needed help immediately.

Both the telegrams and the telephone message, said to have been sent to a "Mrs. Walker," who was then stopping at a local hotel, are declared by Los Angeles police to have particular significance.

Detective Sergeant Jack Stalder of Los Angeles was sent here purposefully to work with San Francisco authorities in running down this clue.

The purport of the telegrams would not be divulged by the police, but that they were even more significant in connection with the case than the telephone conversation is admitted in Los Angeles.

The Los Angeles police have copies of these telegrams. It is reported, and every effort is being made to trace the mysterious "Mrs. Walker," whose record is being investigated.

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COUPLE SIGN CONTRACT OF MARRIAGE AT ABBEY

By International News Service.
LONDON, Feb. 27.—Princess Mary and Viscount Lascelles, K. G., whose nuptials will take place in Westminster Abbey tomorrow at noon, signed the pre-marriage contracts today. It is understood that the royal princess signed renunciation of her rights of succession.

The last of the wedding receptions took place this afternoon at Buckingham Palace. Among invited guests were the tenants of Viscount Lascelles' great estates at Harwood.

According to ancient custom, Queen Mary will awaken her daughter tomorrow and wish her a long life of married happiness. This ceremony has long been handed down through the lines of the royal family.

Mary's wedding jewels are believed to be the most costly in existence. Their exact value is not known, but some estimates have been as high as \$1,000,000. Viscount Lascelles has given to his future wife the Clan Riddell jewels, among the most famous in all England.

The princess has turned over to hospital nearly \$1,000 (about \$15,000) of collected gift funds. It is estimated that various charities will benefit to the extent of \$1,000,000 as a result of the marriage.

King George has reserved a large portion of the fore court of Buckingham Palace for wounded soldiers, where they can view the wedding procession as it departs and arrives from Westminster Abbey.

The interview of Viscount Lascelles with the Order of the Garter led to much conjecture today as to what further honors may be in store for him.

It is understood that Princess Mary will not dispense with royal etiquette after the marriage and will not lose the social rights of her rank as a member of the reigning family.

TROUSSEAU CHOSEN TO MATCH FLOWER

By International News Service.
LONDON, Feb. 27.—June brides must have a "sweetest princess" for that is the style which Princess Mary has set.

The complete trousseau of Princess Mary has been displayed privately at Buckingham Palace to newspaper and fashion writers of London, and the trousseau is a dream.

Pastel tones, the soft tones of blue, pink, mauve and gray, the shades of the delicate sweetpea, predominate in this royal trousseau. The princess' favorite flower is the sweetpea, and it is said that she has chosen her trousseau with this flower in mind.

Second only to the wedding gown in every brilliant trousseau is the "going away" gown. Princess Mary has chosen her "going away" gown of blue, a powder blue chamoisee in panned lines from the yoke to the foot of the dress, with coral beads, crystals and blue silk trimmings. A dainty wash of blue chamoisee is loosely tied at the waist.

A dinner dress that caused some

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2 Girls Slain in Bed; Boy, 19, in Suicide Attempt

By Associated Press.
AMARILLO, Tex., Feb. 27.—Gladys Solomon, 15, and Nell Umberson, 13, were shot and instantly killed while sleeping at the Umberson home in the Sunset Community, 15 miles northeast of Lockney, Floyd County, early today. A short time later Houston Upton,

675 GALLONS ALCOHOL ARE STOLEN IN GIANT PLOT

A daring series of alcohol thefts from the government bonded distillery at San Mateo, reported to involve thousands of gallons today set United States internal revenue officers on the trail of what is believed to be a gigantic ring operating to flood California with grain alcohol for beverage purposes.

The latest theft, that reported today, concerns the mysterious disappearance of 675 gallons. This lot was contained in 135 five-gallon tins. The immensity of the theft, together with the bulk of the loot, led federal authorities to believe that the distillery is being "tapped" by an organized ring operating motor trucks.

WORTHY THOUSANDS.
The value of the alcohol, even at drug store prices, will run far up into thousands of dollars, it was reported. Strict secrecy surrounded the theft.

NEWS DOWN TO THE LAST MINUTE

PARROTT RESIGNS AS MARDI GRAS KING
Because of illness in his family John Parrott resigned today as king of the Mardi Gras, and in his place was named Clarence Follis.

TY COBB BUYS AUGUSTA CLUB
By Associated Press.
AUGUSTA, Ga., Feb. 27.—Marvin Wolfe, owner of the Augusta baseball club of the Southern Atlantic League, announced today he had sold the team to a group of local men, among them Ty Cobb, manager of Detroit Americans.

THREE HINDUS SLAIN IN RESCUE PLOT
LONDON, Feb. 27.—(By International News Service). Three Indian non-co-operationists (Nationalists) were killed and a number were wounded while attempting to rescue prisoners at Madharat, said a dispatch to the India office this afternoon. Police fired upon a mob.

DOLLAR DEFLECTS SLAYER'S BULLET
DALLAS, Tex., Feb. 27.—Mrs. Fred McCormick, 38, whose husband shot and killed himself last night after he fired a bullet at her, was saved by a silver dollar in her pocketbook, which deflected the bullet.

member of a well known family in the same community, attempted suicide, officers report, by shooting himself near the heart, when in a schoolhouse about a mile from the Umberson home.

Trade Relations to Be Genoa's Big Issue
LONDON, Feb. 27.—(By International News Service).—The Genoa economic conference, which will open April 10, will be concerned only with trade and commercial relations and will deal only lightly with international politics, it was learned today. The opening of the meeting of allied experts in London will be next Monday. They will discuss proposals to Russia, that trade in Eastern Europe be revived.

investigation today. At the internal revenue office, beyond the admittance that "there had been a series of raids," nothing more was given as to the extent of the probe.

From other sources, however, it was learned that agents are attempting to trace down the sale of illicit alcohol in San Francisco to its source.

The distillery from which the liquid was stolen is operated by Clinton Mason. Since prohibition it has, under government permit, distilled alcohol for the licensed drug store trade.

CARGO APPEAL DISMISSED
The Federal Circuit Court of Appeals today dismissed the appeal of the Douglas-Fire Exploitation and Export Company against a verdict in favor of Conyn, Mackall & Co. in a suit over a cargo of lumber.

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NEW MOVE ON FOR MOONEY FREEDOM

GIRL FILM DEATH NET

GIRL LEADS POLICE IN RAID ON GANG LAIR

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 25 (By International News Service).—Six men, alleged members of a gang of bootleggers, "tipped off" to the police by Mrs. John Rupp, keeper of the place where the men roomed, were arrested at a house in West Washington street early today and booked at central station, where they were held while detectives investigated information directing suspicion of the murder of William Desmond Taylor, slain film director, against them.

The men gave their names as William East, 35; William Kirby, 23; John Herkey, 25; Ray Lynch, 36; George Calvert, 25, and Harry Amornheim. They were booked on suspicion of robbery. Officers admitted, however, that the men were being held for investigation in the Taylor case.

The suspects were arrested by Detectives Jones, Ryan, Johnson and Culp.

WOMAN TIES OFF GANG
Suspicion of the Taylor murder was directed against the men by the story told the Wilshire police by the woman who "tipped off" the gang. She declared that she heard two of the men under arrest threaten to "kill Taylor" the night before Taylor was slain.

Two members of the gang, named by the woman, were questioned concerning their whereabouts on the night Taylor was slain.

The woman declared that the threat against Taylor was made because he had announced he intended to expose the street of the bootleggers and expose their activities in motion picture studios.

SAID SHE HEARD THREAT
She said the men were in her presence to "get Taylor" and that their threats were made on January 31, the day before the murder.

As soon as the police had told her story, the detectives hurried to the West Washington street address.

The woman said the men had been in hiding since the Taylor slaying.

At the place where the men were arrested, the detectives seized a quantity of evidence which they examined. They declined to state what this evidence was, but indicated that it was important in connection with their investigation.

WANTED IN CHICAGO
Two of the six men arrested are said to have come to Los Angeles recently from Chicago, where they had reputations as gunmen. The officers were informed that these men were wanted in Chicago for a crime there.

Mrs. Rupp said the gang had operated as a bootlegging outfit in Los Angeles for several months, and had sold liquor to Taylor and his friends. Taylor's threat to expose the gang, she said, was made after he had quarreled with one of the bootleggers.

After the men were lodged in jail, the detectives began the work of checking on their whereabouts on the night of the murder. Each of the men offered an alibi, denying all knowledge of the slaying and declaring no threats were ever made to kill Taylor, as the girl claimed.

NEVER ELIMINATED
The theory that Taylor may have been killed by bootleggers has never been excluded in the investigation of the murder case. Two cocktail glasses which had contained a concoction of gin and orange juice were found on the dining room table at the Taylor residence.

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PRINCESS IS WED AMID POMP OF ROYALTY

LONDON, Feb. 25 (By the Associated Press).—Princess Mary, daughter of King George and Queen Mary, was married today to Viscount Lascelles, with all the pomp and dignity befitting a royal wedding.

The ceremony began in Westminster Abbey at 11:30 o'clock, and soon thereafter the couple were pronounced man and wife, while the chiming of Westminster rang out the happy message and vast crowds gave tumultuous greetings.

Rain had fallen throughout the night, seeming to bear out the gloomy forecasts of the weather experts, but the morning broke brightly, the heavy rain clouds scattering across the sky before a strong west wind.

The sun shone brilliantly on Princess Mary's wedding procession.

Just before the bride arrived at the abbey the crowds became so dense in Parliament street that dozens of women and children fainted.

The scene of the ceremony within the historic walls of the abbey was one of impressive grandeur, with the king and queen and the entire royal household participating and with all ranks represented in the brilliant assemblage, while outside the abbey enthusiastic popular homage was given the bridal pair.

The long awaited day found London crowded with excursionists from all parts of the Isles and the continent. Americans also were in evidence, hundreds having made the voyage to gain a glimpse of the great state function.

STREETS ARE JAMMED
All these, augmented by native Londoners, most of whom took the day off, crowded into every niche about Buckingham Palace, along the Mall, and in Trafalgar Square, down Whitehall and in the precincts of the parliament building and the abbey. Many paid high prices for seats in stands or even standing room in windows flanking the way.

Hours before the wedding there were overflows of humanity in every street transverse the route of the wedding party. Some, bringing blankets and food, made certain of seeing their princess by keeping all night possession of carefully chosen positions.

At 8:45 o'clock vehicular traffic was diverted from the streets between the palace and the abbey by a force of 3000 police who lined the royal way. The arrival of the guests, who had to be in their places by 10:30 o'clock, was the first reward for the occupants of the gayly flagged stands.

WANTED
The following positions are vacant—see WANT AD section of THE CALL:

- 1 Girl for general housework
- 1 Partner
- 1 Mince, operator
- 1 Cost clerk
- 2 P.B.N. (typist)
- 1 Biller—payroll
- 1 Bookkeeper-cashier
- 4 Young ladies
- 5 Salesmen
- 5 Young women
- 19 City solicitors
- 15 Stenographers

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WED IN WESTMINSTER ABBEY TODAY

This is the latest photo—Copyright, Van Dyk, Ltd., from "INTERNATIONAL"—of Viscount and Viscountess Lascelles. Her Royal Highness Princess Mary was claimed as bride at a historic and impressive ceremony this morning.



Congress Too Slow for Hustling U. S. Bonus Cited; Would Wreck Parliament

By WILLIAM HARD
Staff Correspondent Cosmopolitan News Service
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WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—Nicholas do it very well. The English are a slow people, and get their legislative work done. We are hustlers and we have the slowest legislative system known to man.

Some ladies are now trying to add another amendment to our constitution and some other ladies have gathered in Washington to prevent them from doing it. This amendment says that there shall not exist in the United States any "political or civil or legal disabilities on account of sex."

The members of the Women's Trade Union League are opposed to it. They say it would prevent Congress from protecting women in industry. For instance, it would prevent Congress from forbidding women to work in industry for more than eight hours a day. If men were permitted to work ten hours. Some other people also say it would do nothing in particular, and

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NEW APPEAL FOR THOMAS MOONEY

A printed brief of 173 pages was filed with the state supreme court this afternoon for Thomas J. Mooney, "preparation parade bomb case frame-up defendant."

Kyron C. Parker, an attorney for Mooney, asks a reversal of the previous denial of a writ of audita querela, and holds that the superior court was in error in declaring the use of such a writ in criminal matters unprecedented, as at the period of its use in common law other ways were open for redress in cases such as Mooney's, where new evidence showed innocence after the conviction.

SALESMAN WHIPPED
By Associated Press.
CLAREMORE, Okla., Feb. 25.—Jack Burlington, traveling salesman representing a Kansas City firm, charged with mistreating girls, was taken from the city jail today by a band of masked men, spirited away to a point three miles from the city and severely whipped. He was then warned to leave town.

Egypt Given Freedom; Martial Law Abolished

TRADE SHIPS TO BACK UP NAVY, PLAN OF HARDING

By Associated Press.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—The administration plan for government aid for the American merchant marine was presented to Congress today by President Harding with the declaration that the influence of the United States in world councils is "sure to be measured by that unfailing standard which is found in a nation's merchant marine."

The President detailed to the two houses assembled in joint session the wartime creation of America's great tonnage—an experimental venture, as he described it—and then he added:

"Having failed at such enormous cost, I bring you the proposal which contemplates the return to private initiative and private enterprise, aided to a conservative success, wherein we are safeguarded against the promotion of private greed, and do not discourage the hope of profitable investment, which underlies all successful endeavor."

His address follows:

Members of Congress:

When addressing the Congress last December I reported to you the failure of the executive to carry out the intent of certain features of the merchant marine act of 1920, notably, the provision for the "police of cancellation of all commercial treaties which hindered our grant of discriminating duties on imports brought to our shores in American ships. There was no doubt about the high purpose of Congress to apply this proven practice to the upbuilding of our merchant marine."

It had proven most effective in the earlier days of American shipping; it had, at various times, demonstrated its effectiveness in the upbuilding of commercial shipping for other nations. The success of the earlier practice for this republic came at a time when we had few treaties, when our commerce was little developed. Its superseding by reciprocity in shipping regulations and the adoption of other methods of upbuilding merchant marines through various forms of government aid, and the century of negotiation of commercial treaties, all combined to develop a situation which would lead to endless embarrassment if we denounced our treaties.

WOULD AVOID THIS
We should not only be quite alone in supporting a policy long since superseded through the growing intimacy of international relationships,

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Bill Introduced For Subsidy to Aid U. S. Ships

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—A ship subsidy estimated at approximately \$32,000,000 annually, to be provided for principally by the diversion of 10 per cent of the nation's customs receipts, would be paid to the owners of American ships engaged in foreign trade under a bill introduced today in the Senate and House. The measure incorporates a subsidy plan proposed by the Shipping Board and endorsed by President Harding in a message read today to a joint session.

Introduced in the Senate by Chairman Jones of the commerce committee and in the House by Chairman Greene of the merchant marine committee, the bill sets forth that the purpose of the direct subsidy provision is to "aid the development and maintenance of the American merchant marine, to promote the growth of the foreign commerce of the United States and to contribute to the national defense."

CONSTRUCTION LOANS
Other provisions of the bill would authorize the creation of a "construction fund" to be administered by the Shipping Board and derived from the sale of its vessels in addition to operating revenues.

Require that not more than 50 per cent of the number of ships admissible to this country in any one year be transported in foreign bottoms.

Authorize the payment of an additional month's pay annually to officers and men of the merchant marine who shall enlist in "the merchant marine naval reserve" which the bill would establish as a component part of any reserve force of the United States navy.

By amendment of section 5 of the merchant marine act of 1920 the Shipping Board would be authorized and directed to sell its ships "as soon as practicable and consistent with good business methods" to citizens of the United States.

BASE RATE PROVIDED
The base subsidy rate provided for all vessels, either sailing or for steam,

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BRITAIN TO WITHDRAW UNDER NEW AGREEMENT

LONDON, Feb. 28 (By the Associated Press).—Prime Minister Lloyd George announced in the House of Commons this afternoon that the British protectorate over Egypt has been terminated and that Egypt was free to work out such national institutions as might be suited to the aspirations of her people.

Martial law will be abolished in Egypt as soon as an act of indemnity has been passed, the premier announced.

NEWS DOWN TO THE LAST MINUTE

MOTHER OF FIVE TRIES SUICIDE
Because she claims she is tired of supporting her disabled husband and five children, Mrs. Nevva Buhler, aged 35, 317 Hearst avenue, went into her room, and after locking the door, chewed the sulphur from a pack of matches, swallowed a glass of water and waited death. Her condition is said to be serious.

WOMAN HUNTED AS KIDNAPER
Oakland police and Alameda County sheriff's deputies joined forces today in securing the East Bay cities for trace of Mrs. Isabelle Johnson of Stockton and her daughter, Norma, 2 years old. Mrs. Johnson is charged by her former husband, Leonard Johnson of Stockton, with kidnapping the little girl.

TROOPS RUSHED TO QUELL STRIKERS
By International News Service.
PAWTUCKET, R. I., Feb. 28.—Two companies of coast artillery were rushed to the Acme Finishing Company Mills today in response to a hurried call from the management when 300 strikers and sympathizers marched to the mill.

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